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President urged to honour compensation claims

By **PHIL REILLY**

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KENT County Council leader Paul Carter is going head to head with French president Nicolas Sarkozy to demand that he pay up over the traffic chaos caused by the SeaFrance ferry strike.

Cllr Carter has demanded reassurances from Monsieur Sarkozy that he will honour millions of pounds worth of compensation claims by British businesses affected by the industrial action.

The demands came as a Tory MEP called on M Sarkozy to intervene directly to stop the SeaFrance officers' strike, which showed no sign of ending as Kent on Sunday went to press.

The strike, which started on February 27, caused the cancellation of SeaFrance services from Dover and sparked a backlog of lorries queuing to get to the port.

The action has crippled much of the county's transport system, causing serious disruption to businesses and residents across Kent.

But the British Government said Foreign Secretary David Miliband would not be getting involved because it was "a matter for the unions and SeaFrance".

Operation Stack, in which lorries are



GRIDLOCK: Traffic has been at a standstill as lorries queue on the coastbound M20

queued on coastbound stretches of the M20, has been in effect since shortly after the strike was announced.

Cllr Carter claimed the strike has cost millions of pounds to Kent and the wider UK economy, as well as widespread inconvenience to the county's motorists.

He has written a letter to M Sarkozy, in which he said he wanted to bring to his attention "gridlock on our motorway links,

severe damage to our business economy and unacceptable inconvenience for residents".

It read: "The disruption caused by industrial action is bringing chaos not only to our roads and the lives of our residents but is seriously damaging Kent's economy, and we believe, the livelihoods of French and British haulage businesses."

He quoted the Kent-based UK Freight Transport Association's argument that

making compensation claims in France is notoriously complicated and rarely results in any claims being successful.

Cllr Carter's letter added: "I seek your reassurance that compensation claims submitted to your government by UK businesses, that are collectively losing millions, will be honoured."

"I would appreciate your firm commitment to a resolution to the compensation issues and a long-term solution to the industrial action which is damaging both our economies."

A spokesman at the Elysee Palace said it did not wish to make any comment until the letter had been received.

M Sarkozy – who has been criticised for his showy private life – was elected last year on a reforming agenda in which he promised to clamp down on the power of trade unions.

His proposals include maintaining a minimum level of service on public transport during industrial disputes.

Richard Ashworth, Conservative MEP for the South East, said France is facing a "moment of truth" similar to Britain in the 1980s.

He told Kent on Sunday: "While I welcome the French President's resolve to reform France's uncompetitive employment practices, he must not stand by while industrial action obstructs European trade links."

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put their questions to the Prime Minister

LAST week, we printed the first batch of answers given by Gordon Brown to questions sent to him by our readers.

We first invited our readers to send in their questions for the Prime Minister on February 3.

We were inundated questions by email, fax and post. Here are the remaining answers Mr Brown gave to KoS readers' questions...

QUESTION: Rob Ryan, 26, of Folkestone, asked: As a nation, we have an obligation to tackle our fair share of greenhouse gas emissions and their effect on climate change, including those from aviation.

As the Stern report highlighted, the associated climate change costs of emissions at a 'business as usual' level will be more detrimental to the economy in the long-term than the costs of abating climate change now. Therefore, why can we not follow France's lead and freeze all current plans for airport expansion?

GB REPLIED: I agree with you that we have a moral obligation to tackle climate change.

We are on course to reduce our emissions more than most other European countries, we have signed up to a massive expansion of wind and other renewable energy sources – by 2020 I hope we can get 20 per cent of all our energy from these sources.

We will only support airport expansion if strict environmental and noise conditions are met. But it is a fact that there has not been a major runway built in the South East since an extension at Gatwick in the 1950s.

Our competitors in Europe are growing their airports, so if we did not expand our own, it would not reduce the level of overall air travel and the resulting carbon emissions, it would simply mean air traffic being displaced to other European hubs.

QUESTION: Dr Ian R Holton, 52, of Tunbridge Wells, asked: Will those of us who refuse to be fingerprinted in the Government's ID scheme find that we can no longer get access to state services such as driving licences?

GB REPLIED: The National Identity Scheme is about making life easier and more secure, not making life harder. It builds on what is already happening with passports and immigration documents.

Like many countries around the world, we will be putting fingerprints into passports in the coming years and it will then be necessary for fingerprints to be recorded when applying for a passport.

On ID cards, the first step is making it compulsory for all foreign nationals in this country to carry an ID card and I hope most people would agree that is sensible.

We will then move forward with the voluntary ID card scheme for British citizens and I believe many people will welcome carrying one to make it easier to confirm their identity when for example accessing public services.

We can only move towards a compulsory ID cards system for all British citizens if there is a new Act of Parliament, so there will be plenty of time to debate the pros and cons of that next step in due course.

QUESTION: Ralph Austin, 61, of Maidstone, asked: Will the Prime Minister address the disadvantage caused by him when Chancellor to low-income earners and pensioners, where incomes are marginally over current tax and pension credit levels?

His lowering of the income tax rate to 20 per cent and the abolition of the 10 per cent rate was announced in 2007 and, from April 2008, perversely raises the income tax payable by the less well-off by between £100-200 per annum.

Hardly fair, and it will cost him support when he most needs it.

GB REPLIED: I think what we did in the 2007 Budget was an important reform to simplify the tax system, while boosting the incomes of hard-working families. We were also able to reduce the number of pensioners paying income tax by 600,000, so by April next year, 57 per cent of pensioners will be paying no income tax at all.

If you look at all the measures we've introduced on tax and benefits since 1997, I think you'll agree that we have succeeded in targeting most support at the households who need it most.

By next year, the average household will be £1,150 a year better off as a result of all

our measures, but the average family with children will be £1,800 a year better off, and families with children in the poorest fifth of households will be £4,000 a year better off.

QUESTION: Alan Wanstall, 78, of Faversham, asked: Why is there such a chronic lack of prison accommodation?

GB REPLIED: Since 1997, we have increased prison capacity by more than 20,000 places – the biggest expansion in prison building in recent history, and in the last two years alone we've provided an extra 3,100 places.

Our programme for the coming years provides resources for an extra 20,000 places, and we are actively examining all ways of increasing capacity further, including the possibility of taking prison ships from The Netherlands.

Protecting the public is my first priority, and we will always ensure there are places for serious, dangerous and persistent offenders who ought to be in prison.

I am committed to maintaining indeterminate sentences which allow prisoners to be held until they are no longer a danger to the public, and as we have seen in the case of Steve Wright and Levi Bellfield, the worst offenders receive 'whole life' tariffs, so that they will spend the rest of their lives in jail without the possibility of parole.

As well as expanding our prison capacity for the future, we are looking at how we can better manage the prison population, reduce rates of re-offending and ensure non-custodial sentences such as community service are more effective.

QUESTION: Phil Granger, 62, of West Malling, asked: Prime Minister, how is it you can give almost £1 billion of our money to China and India, spend billions more on futile and unpopular wars and waste further billions on other lost causes, when our own people are dying due to being refused drugs for cancer, Alzheimer's, etc, our pensioners survive each week on less than some MPs pay for a restaurant meal and are then grossly insulted with a 25p rise on reaching 80, and you are still looking for yet more taxes to fill a budget shortfall?

GB REPLIED: There are a number of points here, but I think the most important is what we are doing to support sick and elderly people.

Since 1997, we have almost trebled the health budget, with around 80,000 more nurses and 35,000 more doctors.

Virtually nobody has to wait more than six months for in-patient treatment with the average wait just over five weeks, cataract operations have nearly doubled, heart operations have more than doubled, 99.9 per cent of people with suspected cancer are seen within two weeks of being referred, and cancer deaths among under-75s have been reduced by around 17 per cent, saving more than 60,000 lives.

But preventing ill health is just as important as treating people when they are ill, so we are investing more in order to extend entitlements for breast and bowel cancer screening and increase by three million the number of patients screened for cancer in total.

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The pension credits, winter fuel payments and other measures we've announced have lifted millions of pensioners out of poverty and left every pensioner household better off.

But I recognise there is more to do, including restoring the link between the basic state pension and earnings, which we will do in the next Parliament.

Hollywood film gets trashed by historian

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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HISTORIAN David Starkey has panned a Hollywood film about the love life of Henry VIII, saying it is nothing more than a "romp".

Dr Starkey, who lives near Canterbury, said The Other Boleyn Girl was "absolutely glorious trash".

The author of Monarchy: From the Middle Ages to Modernity said the film, much of which was shot in Kent, bore little relation to historical fact.

"Apart from the lovely costumes, it has got almost nothing to do with Tudor England," said Dr Starkey.

"Any notion that it has got anything to do with historical fact at all is very remote. It is typical of an American film fudging British history."

"I don't have a huge problem with that – the problems start when people imagine that because it's on film, it must be true and real. In this one, from as far as I can tell, they have even got the ages of the sisters the wrong way round."

"This film is a romp – no more, no less."

Based on the best-selling novel by Philippa Gregory, the movie stars Natalie Portman as Anne Boleyn, Scarlett Johansson as her sister Mary and Eric Bana as Henry VIII.

Released in cinemas on Friday, it was shot in Kent at Dover Castle, Penshurst Place and Knole House – but not the Boleyns' family home, Hever Castle.

Although he admitted not much of Hever's Tudor interior remains, Dr Starkey said: "What Hever does have is precisely what the film doesn't have."

"It has the real portraits and real illuminations and the atmosphere of those rooms is absolutely stunning. But then Hollywood is not interested in that, it is just interested in a pretty view."

Dr Starkey was at Hever Castle this week to unveil a newly acquired portrait of Catherine Howard – completing Hever Castle's collection of Henry VIII's Queens.



PORTRAIT: Catherine Howard and Dr Starkey

He said: "This is the prime portrait of Catherine Howard, but it's one that shows her almost certainly as a young woman just before she marries Henry."

"This is what she looked like when she was capturing Henry's eye."

Catherine Howard (1521-1542), Henry VIII's fifth wife, married the king in 1540 almost immediately after his divorce from Anne of Cleves was finalised. However, after humiliating the King with her infidelity, she was charged with treason and executed on February 13, 1542.

A new website dedicated to the Kent film locations used in The Other Boleyn Girl was launched on Thursday. The site – www.visit-TheOtherBoleynGirl.co.uk – has been designed to appeal to 'set-jetting tourists' – those who enjoy visiting film sets.

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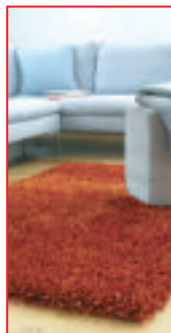
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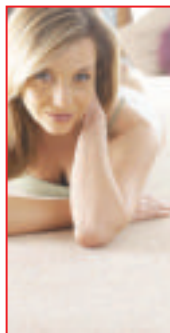
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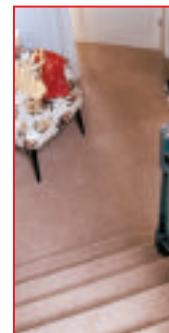


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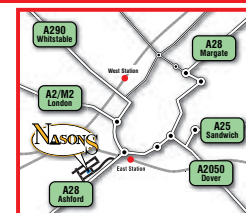
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Starfish massacre

Picture: TONY FLASHMAN



SEASIDE residents from Deal to Sandwich Bay got a surprise this week when thousands of dead starfish mysteriously washed up along the shore.

The sea creatures appeared on Wednesday afternoon, but the exact cause of the phenomenon is unknown.

Ian Humphreys, an Environment Agency ecologist from Thanet, said it was likely the starfish died because they ran out of mussels to eat.

He said: "Starfish are boom and bust organisms. They eat themselves out of house and home every year. If something happened to that food supply then they can die in large numbers, or they come into shallower waters where they are more susceptible to the cold."

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Operation Stack costs Kent Police £15k every day

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Conservative shadow immigration spokesman Damian Green said he was hopeful that Mr Sarkozy would be successful in his reforms.

He said: "Sarkozy is on the right side of this argument. I don't blame him for this."

"I think what is going on is a last desperate piece of flexing of muscles by unions."

"It feels like this country in the 1980s when union powers were reduced."

SeaFrance's managing director Robin Wilkins told Kent on Sunday the strike was not likely to be resolved this weekend.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said: "The situation is regrettable, but at the moment the matter is for the unions and for SeaFrance."

"It's difficult for the Foreign Office to become involved in disputes involving a single company."

"The ports are still open on the British and French side."

"The situation isn't as bad in France as it is in Kent and tourist traffic isn't being affected."

Michael Fuller, the chief constable of Kent Police, expressed his frustration on Thursday and said it was costing his force £15,000 and 90 officers a day to manage.



PRESSURE: Nicolas Sarkozy

He said: "Stack is likely to be in place well into next week."

SeaFrance officers are demanding a five per cent wage increase and improved conditions.

KCC has made £350,000 available and is working with the Highways Agency to make reduce the impact of Operation Stack next week.

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Get set for the Kent Travel and Leisure Show

HUNDREDS of people are expected to flock to the first Kent Travel and Leisure show next Sunday.

The show, organised by KOS Media and supported by Visit Kent, showcases the many tourist attractions across the county, from theme parks to country homes and castles.

Exhibition stands will cover the different means of transport from Kent, including holidays and city breaks from Kent International Airport, cruises from Dover, and short breaks to France by rail and sea.

Fran Warrington, head of tourism for Kent County Council, said: "This is an important event for the county's leisure, hospitality and tourism businesses."

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Around 90 companies will be represented at the show at Dover cruise terminal and there will be a variety of presentations throughout the day. Face painting, balloon modelling and a magician will entertain children.

Admission is free and the show is open from 10am until 4pm.

Euro vote was broken promise, claims Ukip

THE MPs who voted against a referendum on the controversial Lisbon Treaty have "welshed on their promises" to constituents, according to the leader of the UK Independence Party.

Nigel Farage's comments came after a majority of Kent MPs lost a crucial referendum vote this week, as the county's representatives toed their party lines.

A proposal by the Conservatives to hold a referendum on the controversial Lisbon Treaty, which replaced the previous European Constitution, was defeated in the House of Commons on Wednesday night.

Kent's nine Labour MPs – John Austin, Paul Clark, Clive Efford, Stephen Ladyman, Bob Marshall-Andrews, Gwyn Prosser, Jonathan Shaw, Howard Stoate and Derek Wyatt – all voted to approve the treaty without a referendum.

The county's 14 Conservatives – Julian Brazier, Greg Clark, David Evennett, Michael Fallon, Roger Gale, Damian Green, Adam Holloway, John Horam, Michael Howard, Jacqui Lait, Robert Neill, Hugh Robertson, John Stanley and Ann Widdecombe – all voted for a referendum. Former Tory Derek Conway also voted in favour of a referendum.

The treaty will now be ratified without any referendum, unless the House of Lords forces the bill back to the Commons.

The vote was seen as a blunder for the Lib Dems, when close to a fifth of its MPs defied the leadership to vote for a referendum.

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Majority of teen psychosis caused by use of cannabis

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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AS many as 60 per cent of young people in east Kent suffering from their first episode of psychosis, smoke or have a history of smoking cannabis.

The new figures, provided by the NHS, reveal that of mental health patients aged 14 to 35, half had taken or were taking the drug. For younger service users, aged 14 to 25, the rate is 63 per cent.

Karen White, medical director of Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, said: "That gives you an idea of the relationship between its use and psychosis."

Dangers

"The youngest group that have psychosis are or have been cannabis users and they are not very old so it is in the recent past.

"I haven't got exact numbers [for west Kent] but it is safe to say it is the same."

A national charity that helps people with the most severe mental illnesses, Rethink, has launched a campaign urging the Government to spend more money raising awareness about the psychological dangers of cannabis among children.

It aims to highlight the dangers of the drug



SKUNK: Medics say research proves a link between mental illness and cannabis use

including the fact that cannabis smokers under the age of 15 are four times more likely to experience psychosis.

Dr White said the trust, which is responsible for mental health services in the county, supported the campaign.

She said the damage cannabis can do to people's mental health and its link to psychosis is backed up by good research.

Asked about so-called 'super skunk', she said: "When the biochemists analyse the cannabis of today it seems about 18 times stronger than in the 60s and 70s. Certainly the number of young people presenting with

psychotic illnesses who have been or are now smoking cannabis is enormous."

The charity believes the Government is wasting time reclassifying cannabis and should instead be warning people about the dangers.

"We've got to educate and give young people the facts, in a way that they will listen, so they can weigh up the risks," said Dr White.

She said the early intervention teams across the county were doing outreach work in schools, teaching young people about how common it is to develop psychosis and what the warning signs are.

But Dr White said there was more that could be done and that educating young people needed to be "broadened out" and include, for example, the criminal justice services.

The teams face a hard job when according to Rethink one in four people think cannabis is better for you than coffee.

This year the Government is due to announce the results of a review into the reclassification of the drug.

The charity said: "Changing the classification won't stop people using cannabis. Our survey found only three per cent of people who had quit cannabis gave illegality as a reason for quitting."

"Jailing people will not solve the problem. The money spent on re-classifying cannabis again should be spent on health education, services for cannabis addiction and further research into the links with mental illness."

Dr White, who previously worked as a consultant psychiatrist, said reclassification gave out the wrong message.

She said that some research suggests that people who smoke cannabis are five times more likely to develop anxiety and depression, which suggests long-term damage.

One in 10 people of any age will have an experience such as developing hallucinations and paranoid ideas - cannabis can have an adverse effect at any age, she said.

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That old story of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll

AMY Winehouse's battle with drink and drugs has been widely chronicled in the tabloids.

Despite this, her career seems to be at an all-time high, with her winning five Grammy awards last month alone. Her acknowledged drug habit has seen her questioned by police but never charged.

Pete Doherty and Britney Spears have hit the headlines for similar misgivings, but still it appears no proper action is taken against them. What message is this sending out to young fans?

As a mother of two teenagers, it

By **JULIE MADDOCKS**

Yourkenttv presenter

was a relief to read this week that the UN Narcotics Control Board is calling for tougher action, saying that authorities are dealing too leniently with celebrities.

Board member of the UN drugs watchdog, Hamid Ghodse, said: "Young people are quick to pick up on, and react to, perceived leniency. It also makes people become cynical about drug enforcement."

And so began the dinner table discussion with my children.

Both agreed that drugs were a bad idea, and felt strongly against the so-called role models getting away with it.

Matt, 16, said that they should be made an example of, to show that their behaviour wasn't acceptable, and that stars like Britney Spears were telling young kids that "it's no big deal".

Mike, 14, said: "It's not fair, it's just as bad as anyone else doing it, if not worse. They are just the same as all of us, why should they be let off?"

Although, interestingly, both were adamant that cannabis should be legalised and that alcohol was in their minds a far more addictive drug. A debate for another day I think.

Which made me question, whether I would have had such a conversation with my parents 30 years ago? The answer is a definite no, despite the fact that when I was growing up the Rolling Stones were living a similar lifestyle, and appeared to be dealt with just as leniently.

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PATIENTS and visitors have been urged to challenge doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals if they think they have failed to wash their hands.

As part of KOS Media's campaign to promote hand hygiene in hospitals, healthcare centres and at home and work, this week the award-winning publisher is asking: "Have you washed your hands?"

James Nash, a consultant microbiologist and director of infection control and prevention at East Kent Hospitals Trust, was asked if people should feel confident enough to challenge NHS workers about hand hygiene.

"Definitely, they should do," he said. "We encourage patients to challenge staff. We've improved but I don't think we're good enough yet."

"Hand washing is something that members of the public have a right to expect."

"Some hospitals have been experimenting with a red card system, where a red card is given to a consultant if they come in without washing their hands."

Infection

Sara Mumford, director of infection control and prevention and lead microbiologist at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, agreed with Dr Nash.

She said: "Absolutely – and I think we should be challenging visitors as well."

"It works both ways. If we are asking visitors to clean their hands when they come in if they see something they think is wrong, they should tell someone in the department so it can be put right there and then."

Using the alcohol provided around hospitals and washing your hands regularly with liquid soap and water is one of the easiest and best ways to help the fight against healthcare-acquired infections, such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile.

Dr Mumford was headhunted to work at the west Kent trust in the wake of the damning Healthcare Commission report into two outbreaks of C diff at Maidstone, Kent and Sussex and Pembury hospitals.

So, have you washed your hands?

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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NORMAN Williams, who lives in Broadstairs, contacted KOS Media after reading about the hand hygiene campaign.

The 75-year-old was admitted to Kent and Canterbury Hospital at the end of last year.

"I must say at the outset that my treatment and the whole of the staff were both of great help to me and I was discharged after a week feeling a lot better."

"However, I noticed that although alcohol hand washers were in all departments, I very rarely saw any of the staff using them to any great extent," Mr Williams said.

He also raised concerns that nurses, kitchen staff and cleaners were leaving the hospital in their uniforms and coming back in afterwards wearing the same clothes.

"Last week, I attended a private hospital for a blood test and I was talking about this problem to a nurse. She told me that she had been employed in the private sector for 22 years and in all that time had never worn her uniform to or from work."

"She said if she was seen doing this she would be dismissed instantly. Surely if this applies to the private sector it could be enforced in the NHS?"

A spokeswoman for East Kent Hospitals Trust said that a new policy was planned, stating that staff must not wear their uniforms home and would have to pick them up from the laundry at the beginning of each shift.

She was unable to confirm when it would be introduced.

At least 90 patients died from the superbug during the outbreaks and the watchdog's report was highly critical of management, infection control and hygiene at the trust.

The trust has now reduced C diff cases by 40 per cent and developed a new system of caring

for patients with the diarrhoea bug that is going to be used by the Department of Health's C diff Improvement Team as example of best practice.

By the end of March the trust is on target to have cut MRSA cases by 50 per cent.

In her previous role as a consultant in com-

municable diseases at the Health Protection Agency in Kent, Dr Mumford visited the trust during its second outbreak in 2006.

She said: "Infection control did not have the high profile it has now. When the outbreak first began the infection control team was very understaffed."

"It was not caught early enough and it got out of control before anyone recognised the size of the problem."

"Now, we've put in a huge number of strategies to address the problem."

The trust has invested £1 million in cleaning – with extra staff providing cleaning 24 hours a day and hourly toilet cleaning if there is an outbreak of, for example, Norovirus, she said.

Commodities are cleaned after every use, she said, after the Healthcare Commission reported that there was a shortage of nurses to clean and empty commodes.

Bacteria

"We also restructured antibiotic regulating so that we avoid using broad spectrum antibiotics," she said. "We target antibiotics to a very narrow spectrum that deal with specific bacteria."

Alcogel is available at the entrance to the trust's hospitals, at the entries to wards and at the end of beds, and everyone is encouraged to wash their hands regularly, Dr Mumford said.

An isolation ward for C diff patients is opening at the Kent and Sussex by the end of the month. The Cornwallis isolation ward opened at Maidstone Hospital at the end of November.

Dr Mumford said the nurses had become specialists in dealing with the infection.

A Conservative peer sparked outrage last week after labelling nurses "grubby" during a debate in the House of Lords.

Speaking about his experience at the Royal United Hospital in Bath, Lord Mancroft said: "The nurses who looked after me were mostly grubby – we are talking about dirty fingernails and hair – and were slipshod and lazy."

The Royal College of Nurses said his comments were "grossly unfair" and David Cameron called for him to be reprimanded.

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Access is on the road to nowhere

By **PHIL REILLY**

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AN INDUSTRIAL park that was due to be completed in 2005 is lying empty, with the county council and regional development agency at odds over who is responsible.

Betteshanger Park, built during the £5-million revamp of the former site of Betteshanger Colliery near Deal, should have been open last year but is lying dormant because the main access road has not yet been approved by Kent County Council.

A spokesman for South East England Development Agency (Seeda), which owns the site, said the road has been completed and is waiting for KCC to formally adopt it.

However, Cllr Keith Ferrin, KCC's cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, said the council was still waiting for outstanding work to be completed.

He insisted there was no row between the

two bodies, but said issues relating to a wildlife tunnel and two bridges over streams were still to be resolved.

The issue has angered many Deal residents because a planning application for a builders' merchant has been given provisional planning permission in the town.

Many residents believe access to the site, at Minters Yard, is unsuitable and argue the Betteshanger site should be used instead.

Julie Thomsett, from Southwall Road, said: "If there is no conflict between KCC and Seeda then why are they waiting for each other?"

"It has all been paid for taxpayers' money. There has been three years of lost revenue."

"Between 8-9am there will be 117 various movements of traffic from small vans to HGVs delivering bricks to a builders' mer-

chant. That is the time children go to school. All the roads in this part of Deal are small and narrow."

The Minters Yard site was provisionally approved by Dover District Council last month pending minor changes to the application. A new application is expected to be submitted shortly.

Cllr Ferrin insisted the two sites were in no way connected.

He said: "It is perceived by some that this [Betteshanger] development is in some way linked with that at Minters Yard in Deal. This is not the case, the development at Minters Yard is subject to two separate planning applications."

"Both Betteshanger and Minters Yard sites are separately identified and allocated as employment land in the Dover District Local Plan 2002."

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New honorary canons named by Archbishop

THE Archbishop of Canterbury installed six new honorary canons in services at Canterbury Cathedral.

Dr Williams was joined by the Dean of Canterbury, Robert Willis, for two services on Saturday and Sunday.

In the first service, Sheila McLachlan, Colin Preece and Lindsay Hammond were installed, with Kerry Thorpe, David Roper and Julian Hills the next day.

All now have the title Reverend Canon.

They are all now members

of the College of Canons and will be responsible for formally electing a new Archbishop when the post is next vacant.

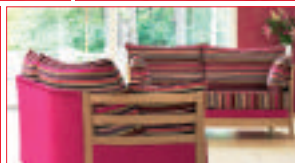
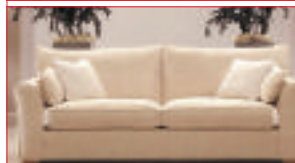
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The bottom-up view of modern England

By **PHIL REILLY**

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AWARD-winning novelist Marina Lewycka was inspired to write her latest book while gazing at Kentish strawberry fields from the window of a train.

For the author, who won Bollinger Everyman Prize for Comic Fiction and the Saga Award for Wit in 2005 for her novel *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian*, it reminded her of a time spent picking strawberries in Kent.

Ms Lewycka, 62, is launching the paperback version of her new novel, *Two Caravans*, at Waterstone's in Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday.

It tells the story of a group of young immigrants from Eastern Europe who come to the county to pick strawberries and find themselves living in two caravans in a Kentish field.

The author, who was raised by her Ukrainian immigrant parents in Sheffield after World War Two, told KOS Media she came to the county one summer as a student to pick strawberries.

She said: "I came down about 35 years ago with a family from the East End of London in the days when lots of people from the East End would come to pick fruit in the summer."

"We worked very hard, but we also drank a lot of cider and I was drunk all the time. Working in the sun with a lot of cider inside me was not very comfortable."

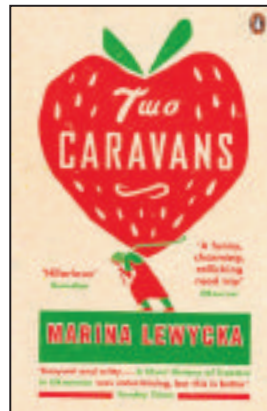
"I was going through Kent a few years ago on the train and saw the image of a strawberry field with two caravans. It sparked the whole story."

Two Caravans is dedicated to the Morecambe Bay cockle pickers who were killed by rising tides in 2004.

Ms Lewycka said she wanted to portray not



Picture: JAN PHILLIPS



TRIP: Marina Lewycka was moved to write *Two Caravans* after trip through Kent's fields

only the exploitation of the immigrant workers in the novel, but also their wide-eyed optimism and the beauty of their surroundings.

She said: "I thought I was the right person to tell this story. My parents were immigrants from Eastern Europe 60 years ago. They came to the UK from the labour camps of Germany."

"My father did agricultural work and my mum cleaned houses. As a child I remembered it was a blissful, happy time. People are worked hard and exploited, but they don't do it in order to be miserable, they want to enjoy themselves."

"It irritates me that all we get [about immigrants] is statistics, statistics, statistics. There are issues and problems about migration and immigration, but we have to look around in Kent to see how much the boom in the British economy is down to these people."

The characters in the book end up escaping from their employers in their two caravans, at one point seeking sanctuary by driving them

onto the grounds of Canterbury Cathedral.

Ms Lewycka said one of her intentions was to give a "bottom-up view of modern England".

She added: "You notice different things when you are a new arrival."

"I think the thing that really comes across at the beginning, as a migrant and especially for [lead character] Irina, is the longing to meet English people to practice the language."

"She hardly meets any English people, all the other people she meets are migrants and that is very much the migrant experience."

Ms Lewycka will also be at Waterstone's in Canterbury on May 14. The day before, winners of the Penguin readers' group competition will be able to meet the author for a drink.

For details of the competition, visit www.penguin.co.uk/readers.

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Green boffins win Shell award

TWO scientists from the University of Greenwich at Medway have been named as top climate change entrepreneurs.

Carbon8 Systems Ltd, run by Dr Paula Carey and Dr Colin Hills, was awarded the Shell Springboard Award.

The prize rewards the best small business ideas for tackling climate change.

The pair developed the 'Accelerated Carbonation' method, which captures harmful gases from landfills and turns them into limestone or carbonates.

Dr Carey, a lecturer with the university's school of science, said: "Winning this award has already opened doors for us. We've confirmed a partnership with Kent County Council to create a pilot project on a local landfill site."

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Pedestrians to be stopped for breath testing

POLICE breath testing for pedestrians is on the cards for Kent after a major groundbreaking seminar – the first of its kind in the UK – between people selling alcohol and the authorities in Medway, *writes Tony Patey*.

The idea was just one of many to come out of the high-powered meeting on Tuesday which attracted 200 delegates from local pubs, restaurants, nightclubs, off-licences, supermarkets, councillors and senior police officers.

Chief Inspector Des Keers, who co-ordinated the event, aims to get together a fact-finding group of interested people to go to Rotterdam in Holland to see the idea in action and then try and set up at least a pilot scheme in Medway or across Kent.

He told KOS Media: "We have seen a significant reduction in alcohol-related violence in Medway – around 20 per cent – over the last two years because of partnership working, but we want to keep ahead of the game."

Delegates included Inspector Peter Raggars from Holland where a national ID scheme is already in action.

Any youngsters aged 16 to 18 found over a certain limit are either taken home to parents (who could be fined) or refused entry into a town centre or other venue.

Chief Insp Keers said the idea could counter the growing issue of 'pre-fuelling', where people drink heavily at home before going out at night and the availability of cheap alcohol from supermarkets, 24-hour garages and off-licences.

24-hour drink laws 'damage our society'

By **PHIL REILLY**

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ROUND-the-clock drinking laws have "damaged the fabric of our society", according to a senior Kent politician.

Graham Gibbens, cabinet member for public health at the county council, claimed the 24-hour licensing laws introduced in November 2005 had led to more alcohol consumption.

He claimed this has exacerbated the problems of underage and binge drinking and anti-social behaviour, particularly in town centres late at night.

He said: "I can see little benefit coming out of 24-hour drinking. I have not seen that the fabric of our society has been improved and I think we need to be careful about how we progress with the alcohol issue in this country."

Despite an initial surge in alcohol-related crime in Kent after the new licensing laws were introduced, they have since come down significantly.

According to Kent Police, there were 5,614 offences committed under the influence of intoxicating substances between November 2005 and October 2006.

But there were only 4,637 in the year that followed – a drop of 17.4 per cent.

Police figures state that the number of these offences is now lower – by 14 per cent – than before the new laws were introduced.

Offences committed in licensed premises were also down nearly six per cent between



BINGE: A government report claimed this week that alcohol consumption has reduced

November 2006 and October 2007 and total violent crime is down 7.3 per cent.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller, who expressed concerns before and after the law was introduced, said the falling crime rates were due to extra resources the force has put in at night times.

He said: "There's been a lot of hard work by

our officers and area policing teams, linked in closely with the work done by district councils and the licensing trade, that has been successful in reducing alcohol-related crime.

"Alcohol-fuelled violence remains one of the biggest challenges we face in the county and we can't pretend to say the problem has gone away when you see some of the work our police officers have to do in some town centre areas, particularly on a Friday or Saturday night."

The results of a Government review into the effects of the new law were announced this week.

It found alcohol consumption and crime had actually gone down nationally, although some areas have seen disorder and violent crime rise.

On Friday, the Conservatives said they will raise taxes on strong beers, ciders and alcopops in a bid to tackle binge drinking should they win the next general election.

Alcopops will see the biggest rise, with the rate of duty trebling.

The extra revenue would then be used to reduce tax on low-strength lagers and ciders.

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RESCUE: All Saints in Boughton Aluph is just one of the churches in line for a grant

Hallelujah! Rural churches get cash to save buildings

SOME of Kent's ancient rural churches have been given a financial lifeline to stop them falling into disrepair.

English Heritage has announced nearly £800,000 worth of grants to be given to seven churches in need of urgent repair work.

The biggest grant is to St Margaret's Church in Rainham, Medway, which is to receive £218,000 towards the cost of vital roof repairs.

A church has existed at the site since the eighth century, with much of the current building constructed in the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries.

Reverend Canon Alan Vousden, the parish priest at St Margaret's, said the money would be vitally important to keeping the church in use.

He said: "This church has been through its good times and its bad times and has probably been nearly lost once or twice in its history.

"We didn't want to be the generation where we lost it forever.

"We discovered the problem in the roof in 2005 and were told by a structural engineer it had a life of four or five years.

"This is not all the money we need, but it is a stepping stone on the way. We've got to match the grant and more but we are well on the way to doing that."

The other churches to receive grants are:

- All Saints, Boughton Aluph, Ashford - £157,000
- All Saints, Eastchurch, Swale - £103,000
- All Saints, Maidstone - £85,000
- St Mary, Swale - £83,000
- St Mary, Chartham, Canterbury - £67,000
- St Mary Magdalene, Gillingham - £58,000.

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All the churches are either grade I or II listed buildings.

Zoe McMillan, English Heritage's historic building surveyor, said the grants were almost all to "keep the churches standing".

She said: "These are churches that would struggle to raise this sort of money independently.

"On the whole they are country churches, with one or two exceptions, that often have very small congregations.

"They don't get money from the state for day-to-day running, so the grants make a huge difference.

"All the work is urgent. One of our criteria is the work has to be done within two years otherwise there is a risk of loss to the public.

"For the church in Rainham, if the nave roof isn't repaired it will have to be closed. These grants are about keeping them open above all else."

English Heritage announced grants worth in excess of £15 million to 160 churches across the UK.

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Sex attacker

A MAN who indecently assaulted a five-year-old girl has been told he faces a lengthy prison sentence.

Ian Gulliver, 40, from Nelson Road in Gillingham, was found guilty of the indecent assault, at a trial at Maidstone Crown Court.

The incident took place outside a house in Medway as the child was playing last July.

Gulliver has been remanded to Elmley prison on the Isle of Sheppey ahead of sentencing on April 7. The judge has advised him to prepare for a "significant custodial sentence".

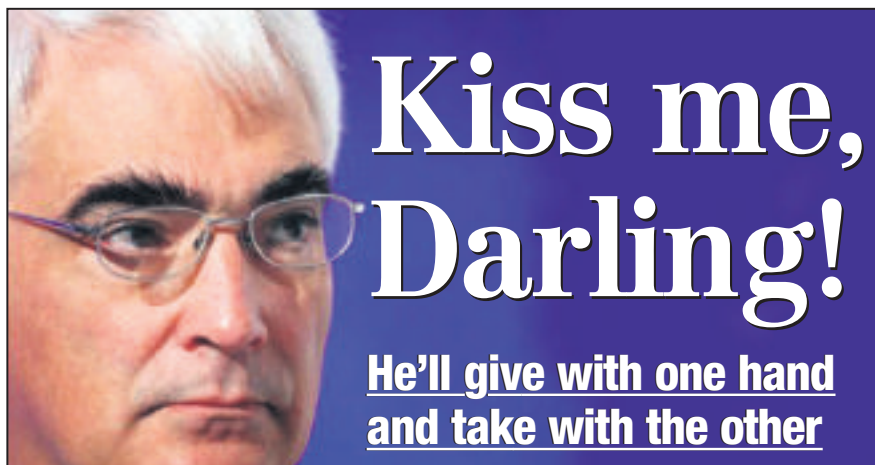
Death ruling

THE DEATH of a toddler in a house fire in Kent was an accident, a coroner has ruled.

Fifteen-month-old Rosie Prior was killed in the blaze at her home on Bell Road in Maidstone last June despite her parents' efforts to save her.

Rosie died from smoke inhalation, the coroner Roger Sykes for mid Kent and Medway said, and ruled out foul play.

Concerns were raised by her parents, who had five children, that the Maidstone Housing Trust home they were in was too small for their large family.



Kiss me, Darling!

He'll give with one hand and take with the other

CHANCELLOR Alistair Darling will be making his first Budget speech next Wednesday at 12.30pm.

If I had to give him advice it would be KISS – keep it simple, stupid (in the nicest possible manner, of course). Whichever way he turns there are some steep cliffs to step over and some ominous clouds are gathering.

Readers don't need me to tell them what we're all facing – there is going to be some slowdown of the economy this year, fuel and energy prices have rocketed, and even with interest rate falls mortgages still cost a lot because of high prices people have had to pay in the first place for their homes.

Many people have high debt bills because credit has been easy – and the banks are very much to blame for this in the way they pushed loans and credit (I remember being

By **TONY PATEY**
KOS Media business editor

sent a chequebook, yes a chequebook, by Barclaycard inviting me to go and spend, spend, spend). They're human – offer them cash right now, and pay later, most of them'll take it.

Our petrol, diesel and lager now cost an awful lot more than this time last year – and the odds are they'll cost more from next Wednesday night – so what will Mr Darling say?

Spending

The last thing he should do is slap any more tax on businesses.

With an economic slowdown they want to be encouraged to keep staff, keep ordering and keep selling.

We might see some personal tax juggling (he'll call it 'fiscal policy'),


but although I would love to see a fundamental change in our tax system, now is not the time to do it.

He must try and keep consumers at least spending something to help the economy, so duty increases on fuel and beer might be kept low – with luck we may see no increases. However, if Mr Darling does that he'll claw back money somewhere else.

The devil of the Budget is always in the detail, and we won't know that until after reading the whole of the massive background document that comes out after his speech.


Back in the 1990s, I used to do a regular BBC Radio Cambridgeshire slot on local business.

The presenter asked me early one Budget day what would happen ("you have 10 seconds"). Easy – I said: "I can guarantee he'll give with one hand, and take with the other." He did then, and he'll do now.



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There are many more appetisers such as the Fiesta Zetec Climate at £8,495 with Free Sports and Technology packs and the Ka Zetec Climate at £6,495.

Haynes have been in business for over 200 years so they have seen many economic cycles come and go. Managing Director, Andrew Haynes, is cautiously optimistic about the future - "when people get worried about the economy, businesses must react quickly and do everything to ensure they are as competitive as possible whilst continuing to provide outstanding levels of service. We are in the fortunate position of having a virtually all new product line up from Ford, which uses their new Kinetic design language and this really seems to appeal to our customers.

Colleagues celebrate technician's success



■ Steve Perkins receives plaque from Managing Director Andrew Haynes

Steve Perkins, from Haynes Ford, is the latest Technician within the Company to receive the coveted Master Technician status. In a ceremony with his colleagues, Managing Director, Andrew Haynes, presented Steve with a plaque and a personally signed letter from Roelant De Waard, the Chairman and Managing Director of Ford Motor Company congratulating him on his achievement.

Operations Director, Peter Wright, said "Steve has worked very hard to

reach the top of his game and joins our elite team of Master Technicians, who represent the very best skills that the industry has to offer".

Commenting on Steve Perkins' achievement Andrew Haynes said "As a Company we put a lot of emphasis on training and I think we are now unusual in the industry to have quite so many top technicians working under one roof. This means our customers get an even better service from us".

We'll make sure that we continue to offer better value than anyone else".

Ford of Europe are certainly on a roll and this year they will launch the new Kuga 4x4 as well as two all new cars in the competitive small hatchback sector, and if their forecasts for the UK market

come in as expected then all in the UK's car world will be well, at least for Ford. If you are considering buying a new car then you should certainly visit Haynes as they understand people's financial pressures and will find a deal to suit all needs, whilst still offering a personal local service.

IN BRIEF

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Fiat Success

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Arable Farming Upturn

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Teachers may go on strike over pay settlement

By **PHIL REILLY**

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TEACHERS across the county could walk out for a day next month in a row over pay.

The National Union of Teachers has begun balloting its members over the possibility of a one-day strike to take place on Thursday, April 24.

As with many other public sector workers, most notably the police, teachers are unhappy with a pay settlement from the Government that they claim is, in effect, a pay cut.

They have been given a 2.45 per cent pay increase for 2008-09, as recommended by an independent pay review body, which is slightly more than police officers were offered.

John Walder, a semi-retired teacher from Canterbury and local NUT spokesman, said the point of the strike was to "demonstrate disapproval of what the Government is up to on the pay front".

He said: "People who have been around as long as I have see teachers' pay getting to the point where it becomes ridiculous."

"Teachers across the population as a whole are well educated and come

from the same pot as people who go into industries such as medicine and law. Their salaries have fallen away compared to people they were at university with.

"It could have a serious affect on teacher recruitment."

There are approximately 16,000 full and part-time teachers in Kent, around half of which are NUT members.

Affordable

The other major teachers' union, the NASUWT, has decided not to ballot its members about strike action.

A spokesman said: "Although we would have liked a larger pay rise, it was felt that the deal offered enough that balloting would be unlikely".

Cllr Mark Dance, the county council's cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills, said the council would not support strike action.

He said: "If the NUT ballot leads to a strike, our advice to governing bod-

ies and headteachers will be to stay open if at all possible and take all possible measures to continue to provide teaching and learning for pupils.

"The teachers' pay claim is a national one, so KCC has no direct influence over the level of settlement, but we would always argue that any pay settlement should be affordable within funding arrangements."

A spokesman for the Department of Children, Schools and Families said a strike would cause disruption to children's learning.

She said: "As teachers and NUT members see the details of the award we think they will agree it is fair and responsible in the current economic climate."

"The 2.45 per cent award for teachers, recommended to us by the independent pay review body, is above the current CPI inflation rate and the Government's inflation target."

"Everybody understands, including teachers that we need to have a firm control of public sector pay in order to keep inflation low, mortgage rates low and the economy stable."

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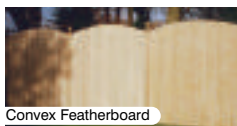
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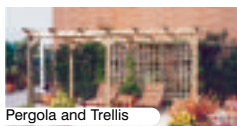


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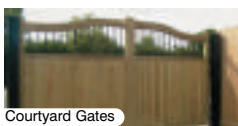


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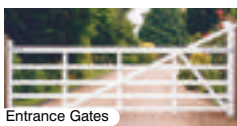


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Catwalk event celebrates town's multiculturalism

A GROUP of young people from ethnic minorities took to the catwalk this week for an evening of fashion and dance.

The Gravesend Young Ethnic Girls Group organised the event at the town's Woodville Halls Civic Centre last Friday evening as a celebration of multiculturalism.

The event, which was sponsored by the Prince's Trust, included a fashion show, dance performances and music

from Indian singer Reenie.

Naresh Katnoria, KCC's development worker for black, minority and ethnic communities, said: "The group wanted to do something to showcase local talents from different communities to highlight what young people can do together. They have successfully got local businesses to support the event by making the initial contact, and we then followed this up."



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Huge cash boost for arts building projects

TWO major arts projects are to be given a £3 million boost.

The South East England Development Agency (Seed) has announced massive funding boosts for two Canterbury arts centres - the Marlowe Theatre and the Beane Institute museum and library.

The agency is to spend £2m on a property next door to the Marlowe in order to allow it to expand. Canterbury City Council will also put in between £13.5m-16m towards the Marlowe project, with KCC contributing up to £4m.

The new Marlowe will include a three-tier auditorium with 1,200 seats that will provide a better view and acoustics. It will allow bigger shows to be staged.

There will also be a second,

smaller, more flexible performance space.

A further £975,000 will go to the Beane Institute to pay for an extension and better access for users.

Oona Muirhead, Seed's executive director for sustainable prosperity, said: "The Marlowe Theatre is already very successful, contributing some £13m to the local economy."

"The plans for an inspirational new building and café culture experience, together with the community facilities at the Beane, will transform that part of the city centre into a vibrant cultural quarter."

"Together, the projects will bring an additional £35m income per annum into Canterbury and east Kent."

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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FILMS will continue to be classified independently without interference from Parliament, it was confirmed this week.

Julian Brazier, the Conservative MP for Canterbury and Whitstable, has failed in his bid to increase censorship of video games and films containing violent and sexual material.

Mr Brazier, along with a group of cross-party MPs, wanted to give Parliament greater control over the decisions of the British Board of Film Classification.

The BBFC said it was pleased that Mr Brazier's bid had failed.

Sue Clark, spokeswoman for the board, said: "Obviously we are pleased. The BBFC has always been independent of Parliament and the Government.

"We do not make our classifications based on a whim, there are guidelines drawn up based on public consultation and therefore the bulk of the public's views.

"There are people who think we are too lax and people who think we are too strict - we are trying to get that middle ground and most of the time people think we get it right.

"It is not a science and every film has different issues. A lot of this is about personal taste and personal taste is not something we can legislate for."

Mr Brazier met with the Prime Minister Gordon Brown on Wednesday after his private member's bill failed in its second reading in the Houses of Commons last Friday.

He promised not to give up the crusade against video nasties and, what he sees, as the liberalisation of the BBFC's guidelines.

"I have managed to flag up the issue at a time when both major parties are reviewing their policy on this issue," he said.

Mr Brazier and the sponsors of his bill believe there is a direct link between people watching violent acts on screen and committing violent acts.

Gordon Brown has said in Parliament that he shares Mr Brazier's concerns but is withholding any recommendations until the Byron review is published at the end of March.

Dr Tanya Byron has been asked by the Government to look at the risks to children from exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material on the internet and in video games.

The Ashford-based Mary Whitehouse-inspired campaign group Mediawatch UK

Brazier fails in his film censorship bid

was disappointed the bill failed.

Director John Beyer said: "He was trying to give public accountability though Parliament.

"Given the problems with antisocial behaviour and knife and gun crime, which I do think film and the media influence, where there are real problems we have to have a joined-up approach to dealing with it."

During the bill's second reading, Liberal Democrat spokesman Don Foster said that if MPs were to start getting involved in the process to ban films "sales would rocket".

He said: "The proposals contained within this bill would give politicians an undue and dangerous influence over these sorts of issues."

Members of the traditionalist right-wing faction of the Conservatives the Cornerstone Group were among sponsors of the bill.

Leading academic Simon Shaw, who is a criminal justice lecturer at the University of Kent, said the bill had all the hallmarks of a classic moral crusade.

"I think the public consultation is more likely to attract a better overview of what people want to see than the motivated moral crusaders on this issue," Dr Shaw said.



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Kent Highways Services goes underground

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There's more to this geology than just beauty though, and at Kent Highway Services, we recognise that it's vital to protect and take account of Kent's geology when carrying out our everyday work.

Water supplies in Kent are predominantly sourced from chalk and greensand areas, so it's obviously important to protect these areas, but there's a wider issue too. Geological materials are particularly vulnerable to climate change and changes in the rain fall and temperatures can lead to subsidence, heave, landslip and increased erosion of subsoil.

So how is Kent Highway Services involved? Well, we hold a database of exploratory holes that have been carried out by us over the last 50 years and we combine this with computer based geological maps, historical topographical maps, aerial photograph records and the expert knowledge of our geotechnical engineers.

Having this information to hand means that we can plan reliable construction methods, make the most of natural and innovative materials and it means that we're able to quickly identify the cause of any problems in the ground. We also have access to a wide range of methods for ground exploration in difficult circumstances and accredited soil testing facilities for rapid response in emergencies.



Consideration for Kent's geology goes into our forward planning too – we are increasingly using sustainable drainage systems, including soakaways, to reduce the amount of 'run off' water going into watercourses and avoid the risk of subsidence and local surface flooding.

Kent Highway Services is much more than just roads, and you can find out more about our work by logging on to www.kent.gov.uk/highways

How you can help us keep drains clean

You may not pay much attention to the grates over the drains in the roads, but they are critical for the drainage of rainwater that falls onto the highway. Kent has over 200,000 highway drainage gullies and we routinely visit every one for maintenance cleaning.

However, we do need your help to be able to carry out our cleaning effectively. We often have problems accessing gullies because vehicles are parked over them and we need the cooperation of residents and other road users to move their vehicles for short periods while works are being carried out.

We will always notify you in advance if gully cleaning is planned in your street but each year we have increasing difficulty in accessing gullies and that can lead to complaints of flooding on the highway.

There's another consequence of obstructed gullies too – return visits in an attempt to access the gully can end up costing thousands of pounds and, in many cases, after several unsuccessful attempts we have to leave a gully unattended until the next routine visit.

We're working to improve the way that we notify you about planned works, but please help us by moving your vehicle for the short time that we need. Please also bear in mind that we need the equivalent of three cars lengths around a gully for the cleansing lorry to get sufficient access.

If you have difficulties or a good reason for not moving your vehicle, you should not be unduly worried, but it would help us if you could advise us of your position by calling Kent Highway Services on **08458 247 800**.

It is actually an offence under the Highway Act 1980 to unreasonably obstruct the highway and prevent highway work, but we hope that you'll work with us to make routine maintenance run smoothly and keep the roads clear for everyone.



See www.KentTV.com for up-to-date travel information

Advance Warning

The A229 Bluebell Hill will be closed uphill, towards Chatham, between 9pm on Friday 28 March until 5am on Monday 31 March.

Pothole progress

Potholes are a nationwide problem that are made worse by saturation of the highway network during periods of extreme weather and flooding. Our road network here in Kent is no exception and we focus on using our funding as efficiently as possible, to maintain the roads before damage occurs.

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In the past, we have temporarily filled potholes with a cold bituminous material to make the highway safe, until our specialist team can carry out a permanent repair with hot bituminous material.

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Dartford	Start Current	Finish 5.5.08	Road Green Street, Darenth	Reason Temporary traffic lights – new water mains
Dover	Start Current	Finish 30.6.08	Road A20 Dover	Reason Lane closure – carriageway works
Maidstone	Start 10.3.08	Finish 16.3.08	Road A229 Linton Road, Loose	Reason Temporary traffic lights – new water mains
Swale	Start 11.3.08	Finish 14.3.08	Road B2040 Ospringe Road, Faversham	Reason Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains
Canterbury	Start 10.3.08	Finish 14.3.08	Road Hackington Road, Canterbury	Reason Temporary traffic lights – new water mains

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Mick Jagger death threat 'far-fetched'

By **TONY PATEY**

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DARTFORD-born rock legend Sir Mick Jagger was this week unavailable for comment over a media story that in 1969 he was an assassination target of the Hell's Angels.

A documentary broadcast on BBC Radio 4 claims the Stones star was the centre of a plot following a purported dispute with the motorcycle club – they dismiss the tag “gang” – over concert security.

Although Sir Mick was not available to comment, associates described the claim as “far-fetched.”

Apparently, Mick Jagger, as he was then, had vowed not to use Hell's Angel members as bouncers following the death in December 1969 of an 18-year-old fan at a notorious free performance at Altamont Speedway in Northern California.

“The Hell's Angels were so angered by Jagger's treatment of them that they decided to kill him,” Tom Mangold, the presenter of the programme, was quoted as telling Britain's Sunday Telegraph newspaper. Target was Sir Mick's holiday home in Long Island, New York.

Mr Mangold said the plan was dis-

closed during an interview with Mark Young, a former FBI officer, for the BBC's The FBI at 100 documentary.

Mr Mangold said the men tried to reach Sir Mick by sea.

“The boat was hit by a storm and all of the men were thrown overboard,” he was quoted as saying. They all survived but made no other attempt on his life, he added.

It was not clear whether Jagger was ever informed of the alleged plot against him.

The Hell's Angels have always denied any connection with the Altamont Speedway death, and there has been no comment so far from the HAMC London charter after a request by KOS Media.



END OF THE SIXTIES: A fan was stabbed to death at the Rolling Stones concert at Altamont Speedway in 1969, Mick Jagger recently (above)

Cop who reached the top

A POLICEMAN from Maidstone has conquered Mount Kilimanjaro.

PC Gary Shaw was one of 17 who reached the summit of the 5,895m mountain in Tanzania, in East Africa.

The 47-year-old said: “It was a life-changing experience, but one with memories I will carry for the rest of my life.”

“Although you have to deal with

extreme conditions and the challenges presented by the high altitude which all take their toll, it shows just what you can achieve when you put your mind to it.

“I enjoyed most meeting the friendly people of Tanzania, who despite their poverty were still happy to shout out Jambo, while battling on a daily basis with the hostile mountain environment.”



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By **JENNA PUDELEK**jenn.pudelek@kosmedia.co.uk

MORE than 100 villagers voted unanimously to back a parish council in its bid to help restore a historically important archbishop's palace in Kent as a tourist and visitor attraction.

Last month KOS Media revealed the £8 million project to restore and conserve the complex, parts of which date back to the 12th century, for public use had reached a funding crisis.

But the parish council of the village of Charing near Ashford vowed to do all it could to protect the dilapidated palace – which made it to the finals of the BBC's Restoration programme in 2004 – and after a meeting last Wednesday residents overwhelmingly backed their plans.

Delighted

The Traditional Buildings Preservation Trust (TBPT) is currently in the process of buying the Grade-I listed complex from its private owner.

The trust said the Government's decision to take money from the Heritage Lottery Fund to pay for the 2012 Olympics meant the trust was unlikely to succeed if it applied for a grant.

It could mean that most of the complex would have to be sold off to private owners.

Cllr Tylden Reed, the chairman of the parish council, said: "I'm absolutely delighted, as is the rest of the parish council, with the strength of support shown at the meeting, which bodes well for the future of the project."

It was decided that the best chance the proj-

Villagers vote to back rescue bid for ancient palace



LANDMARK: The restoration project for the archbishop's palace in Charing is in crisis

ect had to gain outside funding was if it can be shown that the Great Hall was to be used by the general public, he said.

Alex MacLaren, secretary of the TBPT, said: "Whilst we were not there [at the meeting] we welcome the decision of the village to try to find a way to move the village hall into the complex so it is not lost to the public completely."

He said the trust would be working closely with the parish council once the sale of the palace has been completed.

A spokeswoman for the Heritage Lottery Fund said it was happy to work with the

trust to help them find a way to conserve the buildings.

Damian Green, the Tory MP for Ashford, sent a statement of support to the parish council, which read: "It is obviously hugely disappointing that the needs of the Olympics have deterred the trust from applying for funds, but it is encouraging the Heritage Lottery Fund still says it is interested in preserving the building."

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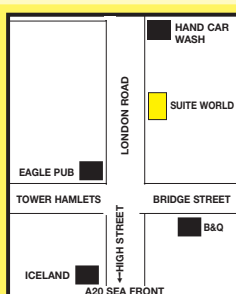
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£52 per person in the county, up 12.9 per cent on the previous year.

A spokesman for the Taxpayers' Alliance, said: "These pensions are the results of high numbers of staff and high rates of pay."

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Cushing's collection



Paintings created by screen legend Peter Cushing will go on auction later this month

PETER Cushing may have made his name in some of the most groundbreaking horror movies in British cinema history, but there was a softer side to him.

It is a side that is best demonstrated in a collection of paintings that go under the hammer at the Canterbury Auction Galleries later this month.

It seems the man behind such classic Hammer Horror roles as Dr Frankenstein, Dracula's nemesis Dr Van Helsing and super sleuth Sherlock Holmes was a dab hand with oils and watercolours and had a keen eye for a landscape or an ocean view.

Headscarf

Peter Cushing was born and raised in Surrey, but spent much of his later years living in Kent. He lived in Whitstable, the scene for one of his watercolours, before his death at the age of 81 from cancer at the Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury in 1994.

Many of the paintings are watercolours that are heavily influenced by the work of Mr Cushing's close friend and mentor Edward Seago. The collection also includes a design for a woman's headscarf, commissioned for Marks

By **PHIL REILLY**

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& Spencer, featuring a portrait of Charles Dickens and images of many of his characters.

The paintings were bequeathed to his friend Bernard Broughton and a selection was used for a fundraising calendar for the hospice last year.

Mr Broughton, 75, described his friend as "a terrific guy, a terrific actor, model maker and author", as well as a naturally talented painter.

He said: "Although he didn't want to leave his home in Whitstable, his association with the hospice became very strong."

"I stayed with him during his last three months in the hospice and we had some of the most wonderful conversations even though you knew there wasn't much left. We were very close and, without meaning to sound emotional, I really loved him."

As well as his early horror films, Mr Cushing found fame among later generations through his role as Grand Moff Tarkin in 1977's Star Wars: A New Hope.

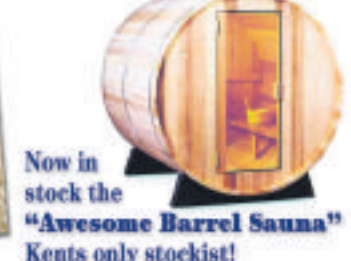
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By JENNA PUDELEK

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THOUSANDS of environmental campaigners are set to converge on the Kingsnorth power station for a major event this summer.

Energy company E.on wants to build the UK's first coal-fired power station for 30 years at the Medway site, which is why it has been chosen as the location of the Camp for Climate Action from August 4 to 11.

Last year, 2,000 protesters set up camp at Heathrow over plans for a third runway.

Anna Jackson, spokeswoman for the camp, said this year's could be even bigger.

She said: "This is a really vital campaign – Kent is the front line of the climate change agenda in the UK."

"A new coal power station would be a disaster for the climate. Kingsnorth is the first of seven planned around the UK."

"If it is approved it will set a precedent, which is why it must be stopped."

The camp aims to highlight the dangers of the continuing reliance on fossil fuels – relating to E.on's proposals – and warn of the dangers of relying on agrofuels, or biofuels.

Camp member Charlie Owens said: "Biofuels have been proposed as a solution to climate change."

"But new studies confirm that they are just as dangerous as fossil fuels. And they create the illusion we can carry on as usual."

"In the end we can only stop climate change if we challenge the growth economy and start putting people and planet first."

Miss Jackson said that biofuels, which are

Green campaigners target station

Kingsnorth will be the focus of major demonstration this summer as Camp for Climate Action heads to Kent to lobby against E.on's coal-fired plans

derived from food crops, lead to land being used to grow fuel rather than food, which would increase poverty in developing countries.

The intensity of the farming needed would contribute to climate change because forests would be cut down or peat lands drained.

This would mean the loss of valuable 'carbon sinks', which trap the greenhouse gas rather than releasing it into the atmosphere.

Last week Greenpeace climate change activists climbed onto a plane and the roof of the Houses of Parliament protesting over the proposed runway at Heathrow.

A spokesman said the organisation was fully behind the aims of the Camp for Climate

Action and supported the decision to protest at Kingsnorth.

The camp plans to march from a one-day event at Heathrow across London to Kingsnorth to kick off this year's awareness-raising exercise.

Protesters say this will highlight Government and corporate collusion to expand and use fossil fuel industries despite scientific evidence and advice to find alternative energy sources.

Miss Jackson said the Kent camp will provide people with an opportunity to learn about climate change through a series of workshops and witness the sustainable existence of the camp using solar and wind power and sourcing food locally.



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"People can come along and find out the issues and solutions and the political questions that we have to ask to solve the problem," she added.

A spokesman for E.on said: "Clearly we support their right to protest, however we certainly hope it is a peaceful protest and that they don't trespass on our land."

A spokeswoman for Kent Police said: "We will always facilitate lawful protest. We are aware of the announcement and will plan our resources accordingly."

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WARZONE: A soldier in the rubble of the Battle of Monte Cassino

Italian campaign veterans could be due for a medal

By **PHIL REILLY**

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THE Italian campaign of 1943 to 1945 saw some of the bloodiest fighting in Western Europe of the entire Second World War.

After the Italians surrendered in September 1943, Allied troops from Britain, America, Canada and a host of other nations marched up the east and west of the country, encountering German resistance all the way.

In early 1944, Allied troops were closing in on Rome, but the Germans had set up sturdy defences to the south of the city.

In what became known as the Battle of Monte Cassino, Allied troops attempted four offensives against the Nazi troops.

The battles were bloody and losses were great, but eventually the Allies broke the German line and headed towards the capital. Rome was declared an open city by the German Army and the Americans took possession of it on June 4.

The British troops were part of the

Eighth Army that came to Italy straight from the successful North African campaign.

After Monte Cassino, they continued north through central Italy, capturing Florence and pressing on through the north east and into Austria in 1945.

In total, around 198,000 British and Commonwealth troops lost their lives in the campaign, as well as 114,000 Americans.

Veterans who took part in the campaign were awarded the Italy Star medal, but many missed out on the honour.

The Italy Star Association is now trying to track down survivors of the conflict to make sure they are presented with the medals they earned in battle.

Many Kent soldiers took part in the campaign, fighting both with Kent-based regiments and others from across the country.

The Kent regiments that took part

included the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment and The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

The association's national secretary Roy Quinton said that "countless" Kent soldiers would have fought in the campaign.

He said: "It is hard to say how many would have taken part because as well as the Kent regiments many soldiers ended up in others from different places."

"Many people from London and the South East found themselves in Scottish regiments. As the Army was losing lots of men it was filling in the gaps with whoever they could."

"There are many who have not yet learned of the existence of the Italy Star Association."

Any veterans who took part in the campaign, or their family members, who wish to claim their medals, can do so by contacting Mr Quinton on 0208 241 0275.

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Appeal for foster carers

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A CHARITY that cares for some of the most vulnerable children in the country has launched a fostering service.

The Caldecott Foundation, which is based in Smeeth, near Ashford, provides residential care for around 50 youngsters aged five to 16, who have suffered unimaginable neglect and abuse.

A school on the site provides primary and secondary education for the young people, some of who may have had little or no formal schooling and often have challenging behavioural patterns.

Erica Eversfield, Caldecott's supervising social worker, said the charity was launching a fostering service as part of a longer-term strategy to help the children rebuild their lives.

"It is about getting them out of the institution," she said. "It is preparation for returning them to their own families and for the future within a family environment."

"Their own families will catch up with them eventually, whether it is when they are 16 or later on. And they may well go on to have their own families and their own children."

"We are trying to equip them with all these skills."

Miss Eversfield said the service had been set up in response to both a need for specialised foster carers to cope with Caldecott children whose early lives had been blighted by pain and neglect, and increased demand from social services departments.

"Initially we will fit the young people through from the houses [at Caldecott]. There is definitely a need for the children that we look after. Because they are at the end of the scale there is quite a difficult, traumatic background."

"They have quite a few breakdowns and they may have already been in placements in the short term," she said.

The charity has been caring for children for almost a century and is recognised as one of the leading centres of its type.

Jamie Bromfield, who is the manager of the new fostering service, said: "We are looking for highly motivated people, who enjoy life and would be dedicated to providing the very best standards of care to children who have suffered extreme trauma and disruption."

He added: "The children will have spent some time with us at Smeeth in our residential homes, attending our on-site school, and learning to rebuild trust and relationships with adults with the help of therapists, social workers and a psychologist."

"After that, the essential next step is to join foster carers, who can continue the process of helping them turn their lives around."

"Achieving that is an incredibly rewarding experience."

"Each child has a need to feel valued and supported in a safe environment with clear boundaries and expectations."

Foster carers will benefit from intensive training, on-call support and competitive rates of pay, he said.

Mr Bromfield added: "Our foster carers will be uniquely well supported. Unlike many fostering agencies, our foster carers will have the backing of a well-resourced organisation which has all the skills and experience built up from almost a century of looking after vulnerable children."

It is hoped once the service is established social services departments from councils will also place children with Caldecott foster carers.

If you think you may be able to provide a home for one of Caldecott's children contact Mr Bromfield or Miss Eversfield on 01303 815648 or email fostering@caldecottfoundation.co.uk.



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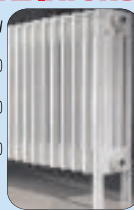
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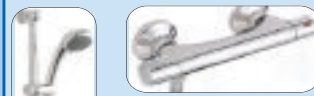
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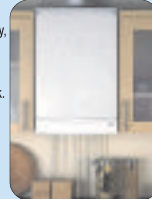
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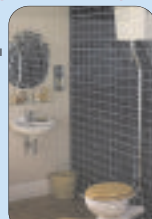
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RELIEF: Allan Clifford treats back sufferer Anita Elson



Remedial therapy that gave me my life back

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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CONSTANT and crippling back pain left Anita Elson hunched over and debilitated throughout her twenties.

Physiotherapy and osteopathy sessions did little to alleviate the aches or regain her posture and she faced a lifetime on high-strength prescription painkillers – until she discovered a complementary therapy called the Bowen technique.

Miss Elson, who lives in Herne Bay, said: "I used to get muscle spasms every 30 minutes which left me in tears.

"I used to dread catching a cold, because the coughing and sneezing would send tremendous pain down my back and leg. Everyday tasks were impossible.

"Simply making the bed in the morning or getting dressed was a painful experience."

The 35 year old was born with a dislodged pelvis. But it was in her early 20s, she said, that it became severe.

"I was bent over like an elderly woman and the pain was shooting down my right leg, so whichever way I moved, I was in severe pain," she said.

Miss Elson, who works as a secretary in Canterbury, was treated with electro-stimulation pain relief at a physiotherapist.

"I used to suspend myself with my hands from a door frame or the stairwell just to stretch my spine.

"I also received ultrasound on a weekly basis at the osteopaths, so the bleeding on my spine – caused by pelvic problems – could be lessened and the inflammation subsided.

"I went for about 30 sessions with the osteopath, sometimes being manipulated by three people at the same time, which was very painful," she said.

In 2006 Miss Elson's father suggested she tried the Bowen technique, a massage therapy developed in the fifties by an Australian osteopath Tom Bowen, which he had been using for aches on his arm, neck and back.

After becoming convinced the pain would never go completely and resigning herself to a life feeling dozy on super-strength painkillers she was ready to try anything.

Miss Elson went for a session with Bowen therapist Allan Clifford at the

Kent Bowen Clinic. She said: "I went along with an open mind and it was completely different to anything I had tried before. It was almost instantaneous pain relief – I wish I'd found it years ago."

The technique is described as a "soft tissue remedial therapy"; the therapist uses fingers or thumbs to move over muscle, ligament tendon and fascia, which is connective tissue found throughout the body.

Mr Clifford, who has been practicing the technique for eight years, said a growing number of people had been turning to the drug-free remedy in the past few years.

"Normally it takes around three sessions to see results but sometimes it can be instant. It can be used to treat a range of conditions.

"I've treated a six-week-old baby for colic and a 95 year old for muscle pains. It can help with anything from dyslexia to bed wetting," he said.

Although the technique is not a recognised NHS treatment, Mr Clifford said some GPs refer patients to him for the £25-an-hour sessions.

The Bowen technique is one of a number of complementary and natural therapies soon to be regulated by the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council, which is due to launch in April.

Developed by therapists in partnership with the Prince's Foundation for Integrated Health, it is aimed at providing a credible, robust and professional voluntary regulatory system for complementary healthcare.

Professionals practicing therapies such as homeopathy, yoga and shiatsu are among those who can sign up so their clients can see they are properly qualified and can complain to the CNHC if they have a problem.

Mr Clifford said: "I think it's a great idea. I will of course sign up although we already operate under a code of practice with the European College of Bowen Studies."

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HI I'm 37, 5'8", mousey long hair, grey eyes, NS, large bubbly lady like pub, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, NS gent, possibly married. Box 435674 TXT

36YR old bubbly, affectionate woman with a lively personality, 5'5", like reading, walks pubs, looking for a friendly chap for good times and more. Box 927816 TXT

CUTE, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 927816 TXT

LOVELY single mum, 38, 5'4", blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty. WLTm male for fun and laughter. Box 372899 TXT

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FM Jackie, 43, 5'11", blue eyes brown hair, single mum, love going out, reading, cycling, music, enjoy male company and seeking 27-40yr old, for companionship. Box 436078 TXT

FUN-LOVING, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, 35+, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 TXT

45YR young female, tall, blonde, a hairdresser, just looking for the right man so get in touch and let's learn more! Box 437381 TXT

PLEASANT female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wiring, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 TXT

MELVIS, 44, looking for an understanding, sensitive man. I enjoy music and being adventurous. Box 431913 TXT

SINCERE, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 426868 TXT

PETITE, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DVD, swimming, travelling, WLTm NS man to share things with. Box 429682 TXT

45YR old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435464 TXT

44YR old female, blonde hair, 5'8", slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar to them to enjoy life with. Box 436810 TXT

44YR old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413448 TXT

FRIENDLY, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-45 who enjoys life. Box 923441 TXT

CARING, honest 44yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTm male for fun and friendship. Box 859592 TXT

FEMALE, 46, seeks honest, warm, sincere, intelligent, and good-looking male with no hang-ups about kids for friendship and hoping for more. Box 156956 TXT

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving/outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out and staying in, seeks similar male. Box 434901 TXT

HI I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, good times, possibly LTR. Box 433992 TXT

HAPPY, fit, youthful 49yr old single mum, OHAC, very good sense of humour. Likes to have a confident man who loves music and animals to be my soul mate! Box 436328 TXT

HELLO, 49yr old female, 5'3", blonde, nervous/outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and spend with. Box 436633 TXT

YOUNG-AT-HEART female, 48, blonde, 5'2", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435098 TXT

GENUINE, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441 TXT

LOVING and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music/trav, seeks sincere and loving male between 46-56 for friendship. Box 905974 TXT

LOYAL, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433855 TXT

NEW to the area, I'm female, 50, with blonde hair/blue eyes, 5'7", Seeking nice, outgoing guy who likes meals out, travel, nights in, cinema. Box 437028 TXT

SPORTY female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blond, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 46-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367 TXT

HELLO, I'm 53, 5'11", green eyes, greying hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 437251 TXT

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55YR old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768 TXT

55YR young, 5ft, cuddly, honest, easygoing, GSOH, enjoys reading, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435464 TXT

BUBBLY, outgoing female, 54, likes pubs, walks, horse riding, country life, seeks genuine gentleman, 48-52, for companionship, friendship, possibly LTR. Box 386913 TXT

YOUNG, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys night out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 502798 TXT

FUN-LOVING, bubbly, tactile lady, 50, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking similar interests for fun, friendship, serious relationships. Box 435731 TXT

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY female, 57, likes nice walks, pub/cubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man. Box 435308 TXT

DIVORCED female, 50s, 5'4", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901 TXT

SINCERE female, 57, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in, reading, walks etc. Various activities, just separated from a friend and the see from there! Box 437420 TXT

HI I'm Jackie, 58, 5'6", blue eyes, blue hair, living in the country near Hythe, seeking similar female for friendship. Box 436328 TXT

HAPPY, contented solvent lady, 59, NS, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 867822 TXT

CLASSY, intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active, enjoys travel, home holidays, sport, gardening. WLTm sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 90138 TXT

HI, I'm a 61yr old lady, fair hair, 5'1", looking for friendship with a honest, caring gent, GSOH. Enjoy theatre, cinema, walks. Box 436738 TXT

BRIANETTE lady, 61, looking for a LTR, Margaret. Box 534424 TXT

YOUNG 61 year old, 5'13, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR, Margaret. Box 534424 TXT

DIVORCED lady, 61, NS, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, driving, seeks tactile man for something special. Box 424896 TXT

USEFUL, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/glaing like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, un-complicated male, NS, per-haps a dog owner, for friendship. Box 434345 TXT

LOOKING, 64yr old lady, looking for genuine, down-to-earth male to share the simple things in life and enjoy life with. Ramsgate. Box 410983 TXT

65YR old young-at-heart widow, 5'5", slim, GSOH, enjoys golf, theatre, music, reading and more, WLTm kind, honest male for friendship, possibly more. Box 435630 TXT

65YR old recently retired secretary, 5'9", shoulder length blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys theatre, eating out, member of many clubs, WLTm male with similar interests. Box 435927 TXT

36YR old father, funny, easy-to-be-with, honest, sincere, seeking fun, sensual, sassy lady for fun-loving relationship and maybe something special? Box 895705 TXT

YOUNG attractive single man, 37, looking for the right kind of female to be my counterpart! Give us a call and we'll see. Box 896232 TXT

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36YR old male with brown hair, big smile, big heart, and big personality seeks caring and affectionate lady for love in all weather! Box 434270 TXT

ATTRACTIVE feminine female, 37, enjoys going out, cinema, watching, enjoys socialising, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship/relationship. Rochester. Box 411186

CUDDLY, buxom female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, honest, seeking loving, WLTm female, who's loving and caring. Box 433152 TXT

BEEN out the game a while, now looking to pass go! Fun-loving, easy-going and adaptable guy, 31, honest and caring, bit of a romantic! Box 895627 TXT

HI, I'm Mark, 32yrs, brown hair & eyes, muscular build, I'm easy-going, up for a type of guy, looking for Mrs Right. Box 900019 TXT

OUTGOING, easygoing male, 39, slim, short brown hair, like eating out, especially Italian food, enjoy ten-pin bowling, looking for a like-minded, compatible female, GSOH. Box 436680

INTERESTS, music, cinema, cosy nights in, looking for a mate to have fun with, I'm divorced, 39yrs old, and hoping for companionship. Box 436878

39YR slim, 5'10, love walking the dogs, sports, socialising with friends, cinema, pubs, clubs, live music, travel, seeking NS female 30-45 with GSOH. Box 437160 TXT

HONEST 36yr old, 6'15, muscular, build, dark hair, good-looking, NS, 1 daughter, enjoys a drink, weight-training, wildlife, reading, fishing, seeking a genuine male for friendship and more. Box 437414 TXT

HELLO girls, I'm 34, a single Dad, blue eyes, cropped hair, 5'8", love pubs, TV, film, wine, films and sofas. WLTm genuine lady for love. Box 437437 TXT

HI I'm 5'10, 35yrs old, black hair/brown eyes, I work in London, OHAC and a motorbike! I'm a family guy and also enjoy going out/socialising. Box 436889 TXT

FM Stuart, 36, 6'6", short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437437 TXT

36YR old male, 5'10, dark features/hair/eyes, loves cinema, eating out, motorsports, works full time, WLTm similar lady to enjoy going out and being together with. Box 437441 TXT

36YR old adventurous male, 5'10, slim, athletic, loves sports, cycling, I'm keen, seeking similar active female with GSOH for socialising, drinks, films, meals and more. Box 437499

FRIENDLY male, 36 years old, 6'2, dark hair, likes running, Divorced dad of 2, seeking someone special. Box 437499

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39YR slim, 5'10, love walking the dogs, sports, socialising with friends, cinema, pubs, clubs, live music, travel, seeking NS female 30-45 with GSOH. Box 437160 TXT

HI, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laughs, days out and much more. Box 436686 TXT

HI I'm a down-to-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves doors, sports, beach walks etc. WLTm an out-going female for good times. Box 436810 TXT

41YR old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoy sports, life to the full, looking for a medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 436826 TXT

ATTRACTIVE guy



LEADING MAN: Harrison Ford, 65, on the set of the new Indiana Jones blockbuster

Sevenoaks pupil who grew up to be Indiana's mentor

By **PHIL REILLY**

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BRITISH actor John Hurt will be starring alongside Harrison Ford in the long awaited new Indiana Jones film.

Steven Spielberg's Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull will open in cinemas across the country in late May, with the Sevenoaks-schooled thespian thought to be playing the daredevil archaeologist's mentor, Abner Ravenwood.

The film's trailer has already proved a massive hit on the web, with Paramount estimating it was seen more than 200 million times in the first week of its release in February.

In an interview with Premiere.com, Mr Hurt described director Steven Spielberg as 'God', but admitted it was not the sort of film he would normally choose to do.

He said: 'I want to be careful here, because I don't want to make it sound as if I'm anti-the film - I'm not at all. But if I was asked what I would choose to do, it would be lightweight for me, at least for that sort of time commitment.'

"But having accepted it, I enjoyed working with Steven hugely, and we had a great cast. I just wish we'd had something of fabulous interest between each other to act."

Mr Hurt also described George Lucas, the Star Wars creator and producer of Indiana

Jones, as "a bit socially crippled really", adding: "Not good with people. So I just left him alone."

The 67-year-old former Alien, V for Vendetta and Harry Potter star was full of praise, however, for the film's star Harrison Ford, 65, describing him as "a proper leading actor".

He added: "He led the company. He knows the franchise backwards, but he's never cocky with it, he's hard-working, funny, self-deprecatory, utterly charming."

Tight-lipped

"He always was two years younger than me. I told him that when he had his birthday. I said, 'You're still younger than me, it doesn't matter how old you get.' But he was fabulous, and he was fit, and he did all his fights. I mean, it was fantastic to watch."

The film's producers, cast and crew have so far remained tight-lipped about the plot and characters.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull is the fourth film in the series, which started in 1981 with Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark.

That was followed in 1984 by Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom and in 1989 by Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade.

Mr Hurt got his first taste of acting as a child at St Michael's Prep School in Sevenoaks, where his first part was in a play called The Bluebird.



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KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

Striking French cost us millions

WHY should businesses in Kent be made to suffer just because of a minor grievance from a few French seamen?

Commuters and families too have been affected by the clogging up of our transport infrastructure.

The cost to Kent will run to millions and millions of pounds.

At a time when the economy is looking fragile, this is the last thing the county needs.

Orders and deliveries will be held up and cash flow will suffer and for small and medium sized enterprises this could have a damaging effect.

Employees across the county will have been late for work, missing tens of thousands of valuable working hours.

And people who depend on vital services will have been affected.

One obvious solution to these ills would be a lorry park. Kent County Council announced a year ago it had found sites, but we are still waiting for real progress.

Why the delay? It is a more pressing need for the county council than some of the other projects it has been spending its time and money on in the last 12 months.

Here is an opportunity to do something big to improve the lives of council taxpayers in a tangible way, so why not grasp it?

There is another side to this sorry story and it centres on why we must continue to endure hardship as a result of another country's industrial disputes.

Surely it is time for our Government to get tough and persuade their French counterparts to crack down on these strikes – or threaten a big writ claiming massive compensation and swinging new taxes on foreign truckers.

OPINION:

Some appealing options

ON TUESDAY morning, 20,000 letters were delivered in Kent and Medway telling parents their children's new secondary school on National Decision Day.

Sadly, nearly 5,000 of these did not receive their first choice and around 1,000 did not get any school on their list.

For those parents, what should you do?

First, don't panic. Appealing immediately, writing angry letters, no matter how unhappy you are makes no difference, except perhaps to damage your chances at your desired school.

Evidence

There is no disadvantage in accepting the school you have been offered then appealing for any you prefer that you have already applied to.

If you decide to appeal, my advice is write a simple letter to the admission authority informing it you are appealing and that a more detailed letter will follow.

This enables you to compose an appeal letter at your leisure, making sure you enclose all the facts and supporting evidence you can obtain.

After March 27 you can apply afresh to any Kent school you have not previously named on your application form.

If you are turned down, you

Don't give up hope if your child doesn't get their first choice of secondary school, says PETER J READ

then have rights of appeal to that school. Each local authority has a choice of advisers to provide independent advice. Contact them at 01622 694 073 or 01634 331 110.

However, before appealing, is it a worthwhile exercise? If it's a grammar school that admits children who have passed with the basic score, find out your child's test scores from the primary school as soon as possible.

In Kent, was there a headteacher assessment? Are there reasons why your child underperformed; have you alternative evidence that they are of grammar school ability, are scores close to the pass mark?

If none of these you may be wise to make alternative arrangements.

If your child passed the test but still has not been offered a place, find out from the school or education authority why they missed out, but in any case go on the waiting list.

It is usually worth appealing in such cases as chances of success

are very difficult to predict.

If you are applying to one of the west Kent grammar schools that select on high scores, find out the lowest score accepted when you may be able to estimate your chances of success.

For non-selective schools ask to go on the waiting list. Look at the oversubscription rules and find out why you have been rejected.

If it is on distance grounds, by how far have you missed out?

Independent

If a church school, which is the lowest category of church affiliation accepted?

It is often worthwhile appealing as there is considerable movement before any appeal as parents take up other preferred offers, freeing up spaces and your chances are difficult to predict several months in advance (most appeals take place around May).

Many people worry about appearing before an appeal panel. Don't be. The panel will comprise three people independent of the school who will almost always do their best to put you at your ease,



so that you can put your case as you would wish.

There is considerable advice available on how to make an appeal.

The school admissions authority will send you details before the appeal explaining procedures in full.

A good website is www.ace-ed.org.uk that provides general advice; my own website www.kentadvice.co.uk provides information and advice on appeals to Kent and Medway schools including grammar schools, while www.elevenplusexams.co.uk focuses on grammar school appeals, although it should be treated with caution, as contributors often do not understand Kent issues.

Whatever your situation, don't lose heart, many mismatches are sorted over the next few months, as other parents make decisions that free up school places; last year my final client was offered the school of their choice in September!

• **Peter J Read is an independent education adviser; to find out more, visit www.kentadvice.co.uk.**



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Listen to the victims

The plight of Kent workers who have been exposed to asbestos but can't claim compensation from negligent employers has been well documented in the press.

As a reminder, the issue centres on plural plaques – the first sign of asbestos damage which causes the sufferer immense worry for their future health as in many cases it leads to more serious asbestos-related illness.

What your readers may not be aware of is that the incidence of asbestos-related disease in the Medway area is much higher than the national average.

The fight for justice has now switched from the courtroom to the debating chamber in the hope of persuading the Government to sidestep the House of Lords' decision not to allow victims to claim compensation.

But while the English Parliament has, yet again, listened to the representation of big business rather than Joe Public and decided not to pass a bill, its Scottish counterpart has stolen a march on it.

The Scottish Parliament deserves immense credit for its intention to introduce a bill by the end of 2008, which guarantees that people who have developed asbestos-related conditions such as plural plaques can claim for damages.

I urge anyone with an interest in asbestos to contact their MP immediately and press them to help force the English Parliament to listen to victims' concerns and legislate accordingly.

*Neille Ryan
Furley Page solicitors
Chatham*

Hugging not mugging

Recently on a visit to Royal Tunbridge Wells I was impressed by the number of people – admittedly ladies – who were kissing each other on the cheek or hugging. Men often shook hands when greeting.

The entire country of Kent should adopt such refined behaviour and then spread the

Experience shows Manston dream is just a non-starter

All of my 75 years I have lived no more than one mile from the airport apart from 12 years when I lived even closer in the village of Manston.

Also, I was a warrant officer with 2433 squadron Ramsgate ATC based on the airfield.

So I do know a little more than most people about the airfield.

The location of Manston was perfect for what it was built for in the early 20th century, i.e., a military airbase near to the Continent at a time when many conflicts were taking place there.

However, the needs of a civil airport are vastly different.

- Manston is built on what was once an island

- It is surrounded by the sea on three sides

- There is only one way in and out

- There's no infrastructure on the airfield or the surrounding towns and villages to support such an airport that the so-called experts talk about.

It would take too long to put in this letter, so many other reasons why it is impossible for Manston to become a viable and profitable airport.

With a catchment area of approx 30 miles, no matter how much money is ploughed into the airport, the location dictates as a major airport it is a non-starter.

*GE Cox
Ramsgate*

word that our county is a reservoir of old fashioned charm with the slogan, "Kent – hugging not mugging".

*I Armstrong
Meopham*

Nailing jelly to the wall

Once again no surprises from Gordon Brown in his replies to the questions your readers sent in.

Just the usual spin response to every question. Getting a straight answer from him

is rather like trying to nail a jelly to a wall.

*Phil Granger
West Malling*

Where are the answers?

Yet again Gordon Brown avoids answering the question asked by your readers.

Mrs Patricia New asked about immigration from within the EU, Gordon Brown's answer was about immigration from outside the EU, and we will do nothing about the internal EU immigration, but the

YOUR LETTERS

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numbers are falling, perhaps because the only people left in Poland, Bulgaria and Romania are the wives and children in the migrants, who are in receipt of benefits from the UK.

Dr Sean Gabb asked about a referendum on the EU constitution, now known as the Lisbon treaty. Gordon Brown's answer: Waffle about the euro, rubbish about the red lines, and more waffle about the debate in Parliament. What he means is, you don't get to vote.

*Bob Oakley
Ukip
Rainham*

We want an election

I see the PM Gordon Brown is still trying to brainwash us.

After more than 10 years of Tony Blair it's the same old spin. Never mind, a general election will come Mr Brown, the sooner the better.

*A Wanstall
Faversham*

Honesty is welcome

In these days of denial, obfuscation and circumlocution by public bodies the clear and candid response by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Hospitals' new management of your reporter's inquiries about the Department of Health figures for waiting times in A&E departments is welcome and hopefully sets a standard for this and other local hospitals.

We learn shortages of staff and beds have been acknowledged as the causes for these frequent breaches of the four-hour maximum waiting times and steps have been taken to rectify these: more nurses, more beds, more bed managers and more A&E consultants.

Figures for other important targets for this and other acute hospitals in Kent, collected

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Nicole Olivia Allbut-Kentish born on 2nd February 2008, weighing 8lbs 10z, daughter to David and Christine in Ryarsh.

BAILEY

Richard and Alicia of Herne Bay are pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Connor Joseph, on 25th February 2008.

BAKSH

Talen Jack Edward born on 18th February 2008, weighing 7lbs 15 oz. Son to Paul and Maria of Woodchurch.

BARKER

Paul and Gemma of Sandwich are proud to announce the birth of their son, George Liam, on 7th February 2008. A new baby brother for Alfie and Amelia.

BLACKBURN

Elizabeth and Wayne celebrate the birth of their daughter Chloe Annmarie Blackburn on 10th February 2008.

BROWN

Simon, Clare and William Brown are delighted to announce the birth of Lara Eve and Edward Harry on 12th February 2008.

BROWN

Paul and Kelly Brown would like to announce the birth of their second daughter Téa Lacey Brown. Born on the 27/02/08 weighing 8lbs.

BURREN

Matthew and Katie are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Jessica Katie. Jessica was born on 18th February 2008 at Pembury Hospital and weighed 7lb 10z.

CARTY-HUGHES

James and Amanda celebrate the birth of their son James Junior on 7th February 2008 in Margate. He weighed 7lbs 6ozs. Little brother to Leo.

CHAPMAN

Ruby Ann born on the 20th February 2008 weighing 9lbs 10z. Daughter to Aaron and Charlene of Hythe.

CHILCOTT

Richard and Sarah Chilcott of Bearsted are pleased to announce the birth of their son Thomas Richard Chilcott on 9th February 2008, weighing 7lb 10z.

COLES

David and Holly are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby daughter Faith Catherine Coles. She was born on the 24th February 2008 at 13.13hours and weighed 7lb 11oz.

CROUCH

Jeffrey and Alison are delighted to announce the birth of their son Samuel Charles on 17th February weighing 7lb 2oz. A brother for Oliver George.

DADSON

Kerry and Sally Dadson of Maidstone announce the birth of their son Harvey James Thomas Dadson on 21st February 2008, weighing 6lb 7oz.

DUNCOMBE

Alairstair Duncombe of Weaving celebrate the birth of their son James Edward Adrian Duncombe on 23rd February 2008.

EDWARDS

Gary and Sarah of Aylesham are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Paige Leah, on 28th February 2008. A new baby sister for Brooke.

ENDERSBY

Emma and Ben Endersby celebrate the birth of their daughter Megan Martha Endersby on 14th February 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz. Sister to Oliver Walter Endersby.

FACEY

Glendon and Lucie-Jane are delighted to announce the birth of their son Davante Marcus John on 29th February 2008 weighing 7lb 9oz. A brother for Aaliyah.

FLETCHER

Alexia Sophia Fletcher born on 24th February 2008, weighing 7lbs 10oz. Daughter to Lindsay and Lee in Maidstone.

GADA-RANCHOR

Hits and Tina are very proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Rhianna Isha born on 23rd February 2008 at 6.47 am weighing 7lb 10z. A warm welcome from big sister Alisha and the rest of the Patel family.

GORTON

Emma and Mark are delighted to announce the birth of their twins Bailey Tom and Natalie Lucy on 20th February 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 5lb 6oz and 5lb.

GREENGROW

Kiera Chelsie Louise born on 22nd February 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz. Daughter to Sarah and Paul Greengrow in Hawkhurst. Sister to Luke Spencer Greengrow.

HODGSKIN

Hodgskin Louis Michael. A beautiful little boy for Natalie and Russell. Brother of Aliyah born on 22nd February 2008 at Pembury Hospital.

HOLT

Nick and Victoria celebrate the birth of their daughter Olivia Anastasia born on 12th February 2008 weighing 7lbs 12ozs.

HOLWAY

Saffia Eden Holway born on 28th February 2008, weighing 6lbs 11oz. Daughter to Deborah and Max and sister to Finley, Natasha and Toby in Maidstone.

ICKE

Justin and Emma welcome the arrival of their daughter Gracie-May Kathleen, born 13th February 2008 weighing 8lbs 15ozs at 12:05am. Thanks to all our family and friends for all their support.

JARVIS-HYDE

Hayleigh Jarvis and Terry Hyde of Larkfield celebrate the birth of their daughter Brooke Michelle Jarvis-Hyde on 14th February 2008, weighing 6lbs 10oz.

JOHNSTONE

Wesley-James Johnstone was born on 24th February 2008 at five past midnight. Son of Laura Giles and Aaron Johnstone.

MAISEY

Gillian and Carl Maisey of Penenden Heath celebrate the birth of their daughter Evelyn May Maisey on 25th February 2008. Sister to Erin Maisey.

McCULLOUGH

John and Sophia of Hadlow are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Mia Amelie McCullough born 22nd February 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz.

McMARTIN

Andrew and Tryphena McMartin of Broadstairs celebrate the birth of their daughter Katherine Alexandra McMartin on 29th February 2008. Sister to Elinor.

NEWCOMBE

Jodi and Simon are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Morgan Shelby Louise born at Pembury Hospital on the 18th February 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz.

PALMER - WEBB

Lacey born on 28th February 2008, weighing 8lbs 5oz. Daughter to Katie and Aaron in Westgate.

RIGDEN

Daniel and Amy of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Rose, on 22nd February 2008. A new baby sister for Mia.

SAYER

Paul and Sally Sayer of Ashford are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jack William, born on 13th February 2008, weighing 8lbs 3oz. A brother for Amy.

SHARP

Craig Sharp and Donna Beavis of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Ryan Sharp on 24th February 2008.

SKINNER

Lisa Tomlinson and Ray Skinner of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Annie Lisa Skinner on 10th February 2008, weighing 9lb 4oz. Sister to Leon Skinner.

SMITH

Imogen born on the 24th February 2008. Weighing 7lbs 7oz, daughter to Dean and Louise and sister to Callum and Oasis.

TAYLOR-SHAFTO

Joshua Phoenix Taylor-Shafto born on 18th January 2008, weighing 8lb 7oz. Son to Samantha Shafto and Mark Taylor of Marden.

TURNER

Rowan and John of Tonbridge are delighted to announce the arrival of Theo Altay Tuncel on 14th February 2008 weighing 8lb 4oz.

WEBB

Donna, Rael and family would like to celebrate the birth of Tabbitha Pearl Webb on 28/02/08 weighing 3lbs 4ozs.

WELLARD

Wayne and Jane wish to celebrate the birth of their son Archie William Wellard who was born on 23rd February 2008 and weighed 7lbs 4.5ozs.

WILLIAMS-PEPPER

Imogen Sarah born on 21st February 2008 weighing 8lb 6oz a daughter to Sian and Tomas, a sister to Josh and Jack.

WINTERBOTTOM

Kimberly and Sam are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Isabelle Daisy, born on 16/01/08. First grandchild for Angela & Phil and Sharon & Chris.

DEATHS

ADAMS

Geoff from Dover passed away 27th February 2008 after a long illness Family flowers only donations to Pilgrims Hospice or Cancer research All enquiries to Dover Co-op Funeral Care.

ALDRIDGE

Joan Nellie Aldridge of Garlinge, formerly of Maidstone passed away peacefully after a short illness on 1st March 2008, aged 84.

BOTTOMS

Roy Edward passed away on 28th February 2008. Enquiries to Maskell and Uden Funeral Directors, Ramsgate 01843 850042.

DARBY

Ethel Darby died peacefully at Eglantine Villa on Monday 25th February 2008 aged 110. Thank God for a wonderful life. A great character who will be sadly missed.

DRAPER

Ambrose Draper passed away peacefully on the 27th February 2008. He will be very sadly missed by his wife Linda, his children and his many family and friends. Enquiries to Morris and Partners on 01474 334448.

HARRISON

Christian Michael Harrison dearly loved son of Beryl, Ken and family passed away on 28th February 2008. Enquiries to 01843 594094.

HAYDEN

Jean Mary passed away peacefully at her home in Greatstone. Will be sadly missed by her husband John, niece Lorraine and her husband Tom, and friends.

JAMES

Alan Charles "Jake" James of Dover, formerly of Maidstone, passed away peacefully after a short illness on 12th February 2008, aged 65.

JENKINS

Sarah Ann Jenkins of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 2nd March 2008 at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. Sadly missed by daughter in law Maureen, grandsons David and Roger, and Karen, also great great grandchildren Courtney and Daniel. Funeral enquiries to Lyons of Canterbury.

LORD

Tony Lord of Canterbury passed away on 27th February 2008. The funeral was held on Friday 7th March at Barham Crematorium.

MEEKING

Alan Colin Meeking of Trottscliffe, formerly of Blackfen, passed away peacefully on 1st March 2008 aged 69. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

SMITH

Hilda F Smith of Bridge passed away peacefully in her sleep on 28th February 2008. A loving mother to two daughters, two grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one great great grandson. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

STURGEON

Adrien Sturgeon died peacefully on 1st March 2008. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.

TINSON

Edith Annie Tinson (Chick), formerly of Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire, passed away peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital on 26th February 2008. A Great-grandmother, Grandmother and Mum. Will be sadly missed by everyone.

WESTWOOD

Marjory Rosina passed away on 3rd March 2008. Enquiries to Twyman and Holmes Funeral Directors 01843 852758.

WILLIAMS

Charlie passed away peacefully in his sleep at home in Blean husband of Edith Dad and Grandad Funeral to be held 10th March Barham Crematorium 1.20pm all welcome no flowers please but donations to Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital via Herne Bay Funeral Services 94 Sea Street Herne Bay.

WOOD

Bill Wood of Ramsgate, passed away peacefully on 28th February 2008, aged 85.

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by the Department of Health from hospitals and in the public domain though not always easily accessible including those for mixed-sex wards, bed occupancy (against the target of fewer than 85 per cent by 2009) and readmission rates for people over 65 discharged from hospitals, should be made regular

items (at least every three months) by KOS Media to monitor progress within our local NHS.

*Dr John Sewell
Hythe*

Laughing stock

With Sharia law, no-go areas, out-of-control immigration, benefit abuse, unjustified energy and petrol rises,

brain drain migration, taxation on taxation and escalating youth crime and suicides, Britain has become the laughing stock of the world.

Us Brits need to take up the challenge – let's see some British bulldog spirit. At the moment we are bordering on poodle dog sickness.

We live in a supposedly democratic Christian country where millions of brave men and

women have died to make it so.

We are desperately awaiting a strong leader with the attributes of Winston Churchill so we can all be proud to be British again.

Every day worried people are discussing these issues with concern. My father taught me life is about challenges and consequences.

Each and every one of us who feels as strongly as I do must now take up

the challenge. Make your voice heard – phone your local radio station, pick up your pens, send emails to newspapers and lobby your MP with a no-confidence vote in this Government. This is my first letter to a newspaper – a small step maybe – but if we don't

do something the consequences will be catastrophic.

Warren Foster



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University identifies a gap in the high-tech market

By PHIL REILLY

phil.reilly@kosmedia.co.uk

THE University of Kent has joined an elite group of institutions training students at the cutting edge of security technology.

The university is regarded as a world expert in biometrics and has now joined 11 other universities in a programme to train students at the forefront of the technology.

Biometrics is the study of forms of biological identification, such as fingerprinting and retina scanning.

It has a range of uses relating to security and identification, and is the technology at the cen-

tre of the Government's proposed ID card scheme.

The university has joined the Continuing Education in Electronics Systems Integration (CEESI) training consortium and will offer four new modules.

Its electronic engineering department already works with communications companies such as Motorola and Electrone. And the consortium is backed by some of the world leaders in the electronics industry. These include Sony SDE, Infineon Technologies and Atmel.

Winston Waller, senior lecturer in electronic engineering, said joining the consortium was a "very important development" for the university.

He said: "We are joining the leading consortium providing advanced training for industry in electronic engineering in the UK and will benefit from the many advantages this

brings: co-operation, marketing and financial assistance.

"It will help the university deliver modules in biometrics and security to a larger proportion of the population of engineers in UK industry who require training in this new and fast developing area."

Professor Michael Fairhurst, head of the department of electronics, added: "There is an increasing requirement in industry for skills in this area, and we are delighted our leading-edge expertise has again been recognised in the wider research and development community."

"We are especially pleased to be continuing to develop strong collaborations with important industrial companies."

The consortium aims to meet the industry's need for flexible training by establishing a pool of post-graduate modules that are mainly accessible using the internet.

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Kent-based company the Enterprise Laboratory, which runs the workshops, has teamed up with the South East Development Agency (Seeda) to provide them.

James Purnell, the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, announced last week that people who are not in education, employment or training will lose their benefits if they do not carry out at least four weeks of work-related activity a year.

Ian White, managing director of the company which leads the workshops said: "These workshops combine an innovative mix of enterprise skills such as problem solving and ideas generation with the core competencies of speaking, listening and writing."

"The advantage of involving local employers is everything we discuss is given a realistic context. We hope the experience will broaden participants' horizons and stimulate motivation."

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Clare Williams, youth enterprise manager at Seeda said: "Often people who are not in employment, education or training are left to their own devices, but Seeda recognises the importance of reaching out to this disenfranchised group to help unleash their enterprise skills."

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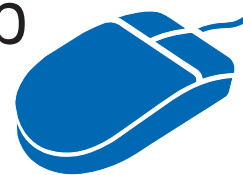
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Closing Date: 14th March 2008

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OAKWOOD PARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL, MAIDSTONE

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MARCH 2008

The most motivating and inspirational teachers for a generation are in Kent

By JENNA PUDELEK and PHIL REILLY

FROM infants to adults, there are more educational choices available in Kent than ever before.

More young people are attending university, new academies are springing up along the length and breadth of the county and exam pass rates are improving all the time.

Cllr Chris Wells, KCC's cabinet member for children, families and educational achievement, said there has "never been a better time to enter, re-enter or simply enjoy learning in Kent".

He said: "We have schools that work with everybody from ages of three to 83, we have more colleges with more choices and more opportunities than ever before.

"But most importantly we have the most energising, motivating and inspirational teachers for a generation.

Focus

"The only thing missing is you. If you don't sign up and classrooms remain empty all that knowledge will go to waste."

In total, there are 453 primary schools, 94 secondaries, seven academies and 24 special education schools in Kent. There are 85 primaries and 19 secondaries in Medway.

There are 59 primaries and 15 secondaries, one sixth form and one academy in Bexley and 77 primaries, 17 secondaries and four special schools in Bromley.

The county is also home to a host of campuses belonging to the University of Kent, the University of Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church University, as well as several further education colleges.

At national level, the Government recently set out ambitious goals for education until 2020 in what Ed Balls, the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, calls the Children's Plan.

It includes a review of the primary level curriculum which aims to give a sharper focus on English and maths.

The Government believes schools in the future should be central to their communities and where possible be located on the same sites as child health services, social care and police.

It also believes parents should become more involved with the child's education – £30 million has been pledged nationally to provide



LEARNING: There are so many options for every age – all you have to do is choose a class

more family learning to help parents and carers develop skills and learn with their children in schools.

Mr Balls said: "Over the next 10 years I believe this plan will herald a radical change in the range of positive activities for our young people and a revolution in the way parents are involved in their child's education."

A spokeswoman for the Department of Children, Schools and Families said the Government was closing the attainment gap

and standards are rising across the board – it said in the last 10 years more than 100,000 more pupils have achieved five good GCSEs.

She added: "But we know the challenges remain which is why we published our 10-year Children's Plan and are targeting the lowest achieving children with a revamped secondary curriculum, quality qualifications and apprenticeships and investing £1 billion in one-to-one tuition and catch up classes.

"It is a top priority for us to reduce inequalities between the poorest performers and the rest.

"We are determined to make sure that all children can reach their full potential, whatever their background, gender or ability."

One of Labour's most radical policies is the controversial Diploma.

The Government has developed a range of more vocational courses, so-called Diplomas, which will be available as alternatives to GCSEs and A levels.

It is hoped they will eventually become the "qualification of choice" for students.

The Conservatives have sounded a note of caution over their introduction.

Shadow schools minister Nick Gibb said: "It is perfectly acceptable for there to be a range of different qualifications but the important thing is that they are rigorous.

Talent

"It is employers and universities that decide what the value of a given qualification is.

"If they don't believe a qualification prepares people to study or work then it affects the future of those children that are studying it.

"We support the new vocational diplomas as an alternative route for those that don't want to study for GCSEs and A levels but we oppose the Government's desire to see diplomas replace A levels altogether."

At degree level there are more courses on offer now than ever before.

This week the universities secretary John Denham asked towns and cities to come forward to bid for one of the 20 new university campuses or higher education centres planned within the next six years.

Mr Denham has said he wants to "unlock the talent" of local people and it is hoped the new institutions will provide an extra 10,000 student places.

Paul Stannard, managing director of KOS Media, said: "The face of education in Kent has changed dramatically in recent years.

"There are now more courses and more choices available to pupils, parents and adults who want to broaden their skills.

"This supplement is aimed at helping you to decide which courses may be right for you or your children."

• See inside for your guide to the educational choices available to children and adults in Kent.

Help getting the best start to educational life

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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IT IS important that children get the best start to their education, and there are a wealth of options open to them before the first day at primary school.

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In Kent, there are currently 715 private, voluntary and independent pre-schools, 20 children's centres and 1,344 child-care providers. By 2011 there are plans for 102 children's centres.

The number of children aged three or four in private, voluntary, independent or maintained pre-schools around the Kent County Council area is about 30,000.

In Medway, there are 111 private, voluntary and independent pre-schools, seven children's centres, with another seven due to open at the end of this month, and 308 registered child minders.

There are currently 29 nursery classes at



HANDS UP: There are many options for parents planning their children's pre-school education

primary schools in Medway – three times more than there were a decade ago.

Cllr Chris Wells, KCC cabinet member for children, families and educational standards,

said: "Children's centres are a proven inclusive and partnership approach to enhance the lives of all our children."

"Children's centres are key in encouraging

healthy children and assisting speech and language development.

"They encourage children to enjoy childhood and respect the importance of effort and achievement."

"Many of us understand the pressures and strains of bringing up children, whether it is learning about the importance of proper nutrition, high quality childcare or simply knowing where to get advice and information, children's centres have a role to play."

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By **LISA SALMON** and **PHIL REILLY**
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MAKING sure a child attends school is one of the most important things a parent can do.

Unfortunately, some families think Christmas shopping takes priority.

New figures released by the Department for Schools, Children and Families show that in the run-up to Christmas last year, local authority truancy patrols stopped nearly 5,000 children who didn't have a valid reason for not being at school.

Of these, 37 per cent were with their parents. And the parents' top excuse when stopped with their truanting children was, unbelievably, shopping.

Other popular excuses were visiting relatives and friends, buying school uniform and shoes, and birthdays.

Legal

But parents face harsh penalties if they let their children skip school, including a fine of up to £2,500, a community order or even a jail sentence.

In Kent, Medway, Bexley and Bromley, around 12,000 primary and secondary school children were persistent absentees last year.

In maintained secondary schools alone there were just over 9,000 regular truants, which was approximately seven per cent of all enrolled pupils.

This figure has dropped marginally since 2005-06, down 0.6 per cent in Kent, 0.9 per cent in Medway, 1.8 per cent in Bexley and remaining the same in Bromley.

Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their children get a suitable full-time education.

To help stamp out parent-condoned absenteeism, the Government's Every Lesson Counts campaign was set up earlier this year. It encourages mothers and fathers to show their children that they think school is important.

"Perhaps the most shocking fact is that often children absent from school are with their par-

Parents: Take children to school, not on a shopping trip

ents," said a spokesperson for the Every Lesson Counts campaign.

"The research is particularly relevant at Christmas because this is the time of year that it's most tempting to take children out of school to shop.

"Christmas is a special time, but allowing time off on school days creates a negative attitude towards it. Children learn by example – if they know you think school attendance is important, they will too."

Chris Keates, general secretary of the NASUWT teaching union, added: "Taking children out of school during term time to go shopping sends them the message that school's only important when there's nothing better to do, and that flouting the law is acceptable."

Margaret Morrissey, spokeswoman for the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations (NCPTA), said that while the

NCPTA doesn't condone parents letting their children take the day off, part of the problem may be that increasing numbers of parents are working odd hours and shifts – and the only chance they get to go Christmas shopping with the kids is during school hours.

Christmas

She said: "At this time of year, perhaps parents would prefer it if schools finished early on a few days so they could go Christmas shopping with the kids, or even if shopping was included as a practical part of a lesson like geography.

"We've tried to get it through to parents that their children taking a day off school is not good, but the message just doesn't seem to be getting through to a lot of them."



OUT: Shopping is the top excuse for truancy

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Experts give their top tips for passing 11-plus exam

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AN EDUCATION expert has advised children preparing to take the 11-plus exam: "Don't obsess over this".

Peter Read, former headteacher at Gravesend Grammar School and now a schools adviser, said parents should ensure their children have achieved a good all-round level of education before the exam.

But he does warn parents in west Kent that private tuition may be required to ensure maximum marks, because grammar schools in the area are notorious for only taking the very best.

He said the tests in Kent County Council schools are different from those in Medway. Kent uses multi-choice verbal and non-verbal reasoning and maths, and Medway has an additional emphasis on English.

Mr Read said: "My advice for Kent parents is to purchase some books on the reasoning tests. These should then be practised but not obsessed over. Some make the mistake of going over and over the same tests."

"The maths is primarily covering the Key Stage 2 lessons the child had at school, so parents must ensure they do well at this level."

"In west Kent, towns like Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, the schools are extremely selective and many parents use private tuition to ensure the highest scores."



STAY CALM: Former headteacher Peter Read advises parents and pupils not to obsess

"Parents do need to ensure their children can write an extended piece of English. The maths once again is Key Stage Two, which should be taught well in the classroom hopefully."

Kent County Council says ITS tests are good predictors of how well a student will cope with the kind of academic course that expects them to take a lot of information in quickly, and think about it for themselves.

A spokesman said: "We compare Kent children's test results with how well a national sample of children did when they took the same tests without preparing beforehand."



be going up at the moment, having stayed at about 8,000-9,000 for some years.

"With regards to the 'pass rate', we offer to approximately the top 25 per cent of the ability range consistently year on year, but the number varies according to the number of children who could take part."

"Usually somewhere between 3,000 and 3,400 children across Kent are assessed suitable for grammar school at the point when results go out."

"The number may increase after we have sent out the results, because of successful appeals for grammar school places."

There is a proposal in the KCC area to move the test from January to September, but the Government has yet to approve it. It would give parents time to get the results before choosing which school to put on their options list.

Students in Medway will sit this year's exam on a Saturday, possibly in November to allow parents to get the result before making their options.

A council spokesman said: "This can be a nerve-wracking time and our advice to parents is to keep their children calm."

"Give them a good breakfast and arrive at school in plenty of time, so their children can find their friends. Seeing a familiar face can relieve a lot of stress they may be feeling."

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EATING certain foods really can help increase brain power, a leading nutritionist has revealed.

The right diet can boost the brain's ability to hold on to information and increase the ability of students to take more on.

And a lot of it is down to giving the body the right fats.

Shelley Davies, a leading nutrition consultant from Bexleyheath, has studied the process for years.

She said: "I firmly believe foods have the ability to increase concentration levels.

"When discussing 'food for the brain', people often think of Omega 3, an essential fat found mainly in oily fish, nuts and seeds.

"It is true that essential fats do increase brain power, as the brain is made up of 60 per cent fat."

Brain

Although essential fats benefit memory, saturated fats found in fried food and red meat should be eaten in moderation because they compete with or cancel out the good fats, she said.

There are also several little-known factors that increase brain power, she said.

Ms Davies said: "Balancing your blood sugar levels can enhance your mood and concentration levels.

"People who suffer mood swings may be unlikely to regulate their sugar levels."

She said it was essential to eat three small meals a day containing protein and 'complex' carbohydrates, such as wholemeal choices and grains.

These should replace 'refined' carbohydrates like white bread, pasta and rice, she said.

She said good snacks for the brain are those made up of protein.

"Neuro-transmitters are responsible for car-

Can some foods really improve concentration?



rying messages to the brain," Ms Davies said.

"They are made from amino acids found in protein-rich foods."

Protein rich foods include meat, poultry, dairy products, fish, soya and quinoa beans and pulses.

"Alcohol and caffeinated drinks should be reduced as they affect mood levels, which may impact on your concentration levels.

"Water increases brain power and aids oxygen intake to your brain. If you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated – so it's important to keep your hydration levels up," she said.

Her final message was: to raise your brain power, increase your omega 3 intake.

Eat salmon, mackerel, sardines, trout and tuna and cut down on red meat and fried foods.

And drink more water – ditching caffeine and alcohol.

For more information on this complex subject, contact Shelley Davies Dip BCNH MBANT at nutrition.consultant@hotmail.com.

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SEVEN academy schools have opened in Kent in what the county council calls "a robust approach to failure of schools".

Two more academies are also at the advanced planning stage and have already been approved by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

KCC also said others are currently being shaped with potential sponsors and discussed with the DCSF.

The council claimed academies provide much-needed capital investment, regardless of location; are a test bed for innovation and are assets to the community that aid social and economic regeneration.

They provide for a broader curriculum; create more ways to study; engage with more parents and invite new ideas and creative approaches to raising standards, said KCC.

A County Hall spokesman said: "Our academies are instilling a pride in and love of learning, motivating students to aim high, become skilled and flexible learners, so that they can become socially, emotionally and behaviourally confident citizens, employees and employers."

"The focus on vocational education provision in our academies – creating the mix of vocational and academic education that hitherto has been missing – provides the range of educational opportunities that these students need to make the most of their talents and abilities."

Partners have helped secure capital investment for secondary schools in the order of £250 million.

KCC said this investment is working to ensure academies transform the school experience, increase student motivation and performance and act as a catalyst for social and economic regeneration in disadvantaged communities.

Cllr Mark Dance, KCC's cabinet member for operations, resources and skills, said: "Kent is drawing on the skills and expertise of its co-sponsors and other partners who each bring a different perspective to the culture, ethos and curriculum of their academy to raise the expectations of young people and

Academy option to improve the failing schools

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Sponsors

There are currently early stage talks underway in Medway for the possibly merger of Chapter and Temple schools in Strood with a view to opening one academy.

Academies, first introduced in 2002, have proved to be one of the Government's most divisive education reforms.

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The three-year course will be available to students from September, and successful students will graduate with BSc (Hons) mathe-

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atics with secondary education (Qualified Teacher Status).

William Stow, acting head of the Department of Postgraduate Initial Teacher Education at Christ Church added: "The benefit for students is this degree will carry a QTS and a BSc after what is only a three-year programme."

Ireland

John Walder, a semi-retired teacher from Canterbury and local spokesman for the National Union of Teachers, said Kent had particular shortages of physics, mathematics and modern languages teachers.

Researchers at Education Data Surveys (EDS) said it was not just maths teaching that had been affected by long teaching courses.

The most dramatic falls are in physics at 30 per cent, maths and English on 15 per cent, information and communications technology

at around 16 per cent and geography coming up at 14 per cent.

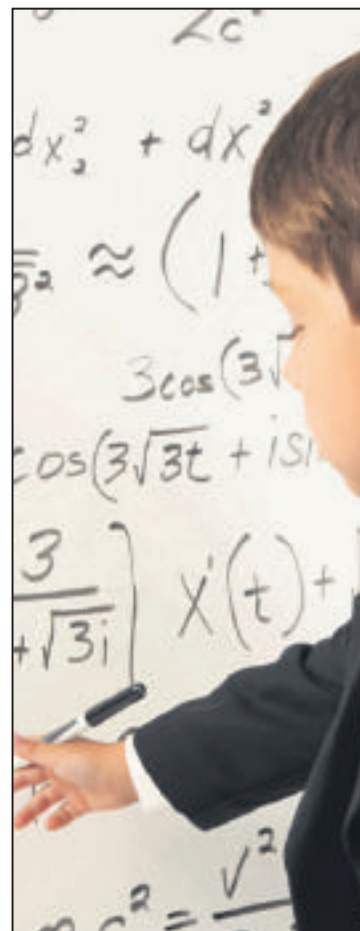
Nationally, there are currently only 896 applicants for maths teacher jobs, compared with 1,056 last year and 1,125 in 2006.

The numbers wanting to train as physics teachers dropped from 185 in 2007 to 129.

Professor John Howson, from EDS, said: "Any failure [of trainee teachers to graduate] will impact on schools in the summer of 2009."

Cllr Mark Dance, Kent County Council's cabinet member for education, said: "We are busy increasing the profile of Kent as an employer by attending recruitment fairs across the country, going to schools to encourage pupils into teaching and going to places like Ireland, where there is a surplus rather than a shortage."

On Tuesday, KCC started talks aimed at setting up a strategic alliance with a teacher training college in Ireland to enable Irish trainees to come to Kent schools.



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A GROWING number of parents are turning to home tutoring to combat ever-increasing class sizes.

Nearly 100 tutors are now working in Kent for one national company and the industry is booming.

Managing director Mylene Curtis runs Fleet Tutors. She said: "Tutoring works. Class sizes are large in this country."

"A teacher taking a class of 30 or more cannot give adequate attention to the individual needs of every student."

"So, increasingly, a teacher has to use a one-size-fits-all approach. That means those at the bottom end switch off and become difficult to engage and find it hard to grasp the fundamentals."

"Those at the top end become bored and those in the middle just muddle along."

Intensive

"By using a tutor, the individual student's needs can be tailored, no matter what level they are in a normal classroom."

She said youngsters can not only be brought up to a certain standard, but those at the top can be allowed to stretch themselves by undergoing more intensive teaching.

"Tutoring is becoming so popular now that we have seen our business quadruple over the past four years," she said.

Ms Curtis said the tutors were local and therefore had a good idea of what was required.

The average fee for an hour's tuition is around £31, depending on the subject, level of the subject, and how much travelling is required.

Ms Curtis said: "Parents are demanding so tutoring will continue to become more popular."

"Education at private schools has increased by around 40 per cent in the last four years."

"Surveys have shown parents would use private education if they could afford to and

Parents turning to tutors to tackle one-size-fits-all classroom teaching

of course that is very expensive."

She said one reason that tutoring was proving so popular was that spending £400 a term was a lot less for parents than splashing out around £4,000 on private school fees.

"It also enables parents to keep their children at local schools and be able to top up their learning on the side with some private tuition," she explained.

Ms Curtis stressed tutors would never replace schools. She said: "That will never happen – this is supplemental to the classroom."

"We do provide a home education to children who have been ill or been out of the school system for some reason for a term or two."

"Tuition can be used as a transitional measure to get the young person back into school."



LESSON: The tutoring industry is booming in Kent for pupils of all levels of academic ability

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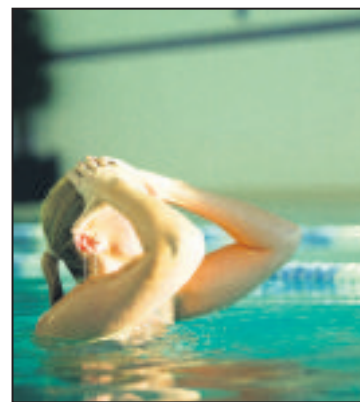
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KEEPING MIND AND BODY FIT: A balanced diet and regular weekly exercise can help our brains to concentrate and focus on tasks, say fitness experts working in the county

Active bodies mean active minds

FITNESS and exercise can help ensure a healthy mind as well as body, say health clubs.

But getting in shape and being fit is often considered cosmetic by today's standards and people fail to see the connections that a healthy body has on a person's well-being.

Managers at Bannatynes, which has health clubs in Ashford, Broadstairs and Folkestone, say that being fit has as much to do with how the body performs as how it looks.

Learning to maintain health, both physical and mental, is the key to leading a healthy lifestyle, but many people take more care of their cars than they do of their own physical health, said Gordon Jones, general manager of

Bannatynes Health Club in Ashford.

He said studies suggest a link, particularly with children, between mental and physical health and successful learning with overall fitness – affecting everything from behaviour to the ability to focus on tasks.

Enjoyable

Physical exercise and mental stimulation improves brain function and actually protects against cognitive decline. The brain is a thinking organ that learns and grows through observation and action.

Mr Jones said: "The body was designed to be active. We are the product of millions of years of evolution, during which we gathered, hunted, ran, climbed and jumped. Many will agree that

sitting at a desk all day and then on a settee all evening is not what we were designed for.

"The best, long-term way to be healthy is to have a balanced diet and an adequate level of physical activity. Exercise can be enjoyable and can be easily integrated into your lifestyle. Being motivated and staying motivated is one of the keys to being healthy and maintaining an ability to learn in classrooms."

Kent County Council backs the idea that a fit body can help develop a fit mind. It says pupils should do at least two hours of sport every week and understand the value of healthy eating and exercise, while avoiding smoking and drugs.

The authority says it has fully embraced the Healthy Schools Model, which is jointly fund-

ed and supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families and Department of Health.

Cllr Chris Wells, KCC's cabinet member for children, families and educational standards, said: "The success of the Healthy Schools Programme is testament to the partnership between Kent County Council and Kent NHS, and the enthusiasm of schools around the county. By engaging young people in the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, hopefully this will become second nature to them."

The authority is promoting healthy eating, along with plenty of physical activity and said 62 per cent of its schools meet the Government's Healthy School status. It wants to raise that to 100 per cent in 2009.

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County Hall leads the revival of the apprenticeship

AFTER leaving school, many students go on to college or university, but a growing number are now deciding to take up apprenticeships.

This year, 111 young people have started on Kent County Council's Kent Success Programme.

Cllr Mark Dance, KCC's cabinet member for education operations, said: "Working in the public sector is challenging, but hugely rewarding."

"We have seen the benefits of apprenticeships and learned a lot over the last two years."

The authority will provide 250 apprenticeships within KCC and 750 in other public and private sector organisations by 2010.

The programme is aimed at 16 to 19-year-olds who are looking to learn and gain a qualification while they are working and who have shown an interest in starting their career within the public sector.

Of those who started the programme, 52 are still currently studying for their apprenticeship qualification.

And of the 37 who completed their qualifica-

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tion, 16 have remained employed by KCC and a further 14 have found permanent jobs with other public or private sector organisations.

The young people are undertaking apprenticeships in childcare, health and social care, customer service, business and administration and catering.

Key Training Services is currently delivering the training aspects of the Kent Success Programme.

Confidence

The opportunity to earn a wage while learning has also proved a big draw for students.

The students are given a KCC Apprenticeship Contract for the duration of their apprenticeship and are paid £80 per week – the current government minimum for apprentices.

They are helped to build confidence, show assertiveness, and given help with CV writing and interview techniques.

Stefan Ford, 17, an administration trainee

apprentice in KCC's policy and resources team, said: "Since I have been on the programme, many of my skills have developed a great deal. I feel that the training service provided by both Key and my work placement has given me a lot of experience and skills that I need for working life."

Juliette Carr, a support services apprentice for Kent Adult Social Services, said: "I feel the Kent Success Programme is a really great opportunity for young people to gain experience and knowledge about the workplace."

Charlotte Harris completed her apprenticeship and is now employed by KCC.

She has qualified for an NVQ Level 2 in business and administration, giving her both office skills and knowledge of the workplace.

The 18-year-old added: "I now have a number of career paths ahead of me, all of which offer amazing opportunities."

"I highly recommend the Kent Success Apprenticeship programme to everyone aged 16 to 19 who would like to learn new skills and gain qualifications at the same time."



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Creating staff with the skills employers want

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FURTHER education is needed to deliver the skills that a successful economy and society requires.

That is the view of the publicly funded Learning and Skills Council, which aims to give every kind of student what they need for success in work and life, whether academic or vocational.

It funds all learning for young people aged 16-19, at colleges, schools and other training providers, giving them the skills and qualifications they need to progress into further learning, including higher education, and employment.

Employers are encouraged to look carefully at the impact a good education can have on their workforce, and the LSC helps companies to recognise the value of skills and invest more in gaining them.

Rob Wye, director of young people's learning and skills at the LSC, said: "It's so important for young people to have choices and there has never been a better time to learn."

"We see the further education system is really delivering in the right way to increase the numbers of young people, particularly those who are more disadvantaged."



PARTNERS: The Learning and Skills Council funds all learning for young people aged 16-19

Apprenticeships are also a major factor for a growing economy.

More than 75 per cent of businesses say they recognise running a good apprenticeship programme will give them an edge over business rivals.

An overwhelming 83 per cent of employers

rely on them to provide the skilled workers they need, with two thirds saying they would struggle to fill key positions without apprentice programmes.

The LSC said it is in a good position to spot employment trends and then offer guidance to colleges on what's needed in their geographic

areas.

"We understand skills," a spokesman said. "We know where the demand is and where the gaps are. We know where excellent learning and training takes place and we know where there are weaknesses that need to be addressed."

The council said it listens to the needs of local communities and employers and then passes that information back to government.

The spokesman said: "Our strength is our ability to work closely with partners at all levels, connecting the local with the regional and national in a flexible and dynamic partnership."

"We recognise that we are part of a wider system: our relationships with schools, colleges and providers are critical to us – we believe that working together we can deliver more for people and employers."

Stephen Gardner, director of apprenticeships at the Learning and Skills Council, said: "This confirms the significant benefits employers achieve from apprenticeships, from increased competitiveness and overall productivity to improved staff retention and motivation."

"The impressive return on employers' investment shows that apprenticeships are an excellent way to improve the bottom line, helping build the workforce employers need for future success."

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Expansion in student numbers and courses

By **PHIL REILLY**

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IN JUST 10 years, Kent universities have experienced a boom in the number of students attending an ever-growing number of courses.

Canterbury Christ Church University has seen student numbers soar from 10,534 in 1998 to almost 15,000 today, and the number of courses has leapt from 800 to 1,200.

Its campuses in Canterbury and Tunbridge Wells have been joined by others in Broadstairs, Medway and Folkestone.

Professor Julia Goodfellow, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent, said it is going from strength to strength, while having multiple campuses, including one in Belgium, has been of great benefit.

She said: "The University of Kent now has more than 16,000 students and over 2,000 staff on three major campuses at Canterbury, Medway and Brussels. That is up from 9,904 a decade ago.

"The university has been awarded significant increased student numbers by the Government for the last eight years and it is now within the top third of universities in size, with a turnover of around £140 million last year.

"Our course provision covers a wide range of



ON COURSE: Students between lessons at the Canterbury campus of the University of Kent

traditional subject areas, as well as pharmacy, film and drama, sports science, architecture and journalism."

At Greenwich, course numbers have risen from 553 a decade ago to just over 1,000 now, while at its Medway campus they went up

from 58 to 161 today. Student levels soared from 18,596 to 30,043 at Greenwich and in Medway from 646 to 5,050.

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"Over the last 10 years, the University of Greenwich has demonstrated its commitment to the area: expanding student numbers, creating staff jobs and investing in high quality facilities such as laboratories, lecture theatres and halls of residence.

"University Centre, Folkestone, which opened this year, has a fabulous refurbished building, dynamic links with employers and students hard at work, improving their skills and job prospects.

"I know that higher education will make an important contribution to the regeneration of the town."

It offers degrees in science, engineering business, management and IT, along with pharmacy, jointly with the University of Kent, and nursing and speech and language therapy.

New degrees available for the first time this year include forensic science with criminology, electric and electronic engineering, and sports science with coaching.



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IT REALLY is never too late to take up educational classes, with adult education continuing to grow in popularity.

Last year in Medway alone, more than 6,500 people aged 17 to 70 signed up for one or more of the 900 adult education courses on offer. In Medway, all but one per cent said they would recommend their course to a friend.

Lifeline

The largest age group enrolling for courses are in their 30s, followed by people in their 40s.

The most popular courses are in arts and crafts, fitness, literacy and numeracy, and English for people for whom it isn't their first language.

Computer skills for the retired are a growing area of interest. Tuition for literacy, numeracy, GCSE English and GCSE maths is free.

A spokesman said: "There are many reasons why people take up courses – it can be to gain skills for employment, pursue an interest or hobby, keep the brain active or simply to meet people and make new friends.

"For the more elderly, adult education can be a lifeline. It provides a reason for leaving the house, a way of meeting other like-minded people and keeps them healthier in mind and in some cases body.

"Almost 90 per cent of learners complete their study course and more than 85 per cent say they achieved the goals they initially set themselves."

In the rest of Kent, there are over 32,000 enrolled adults on more than 3,500 courses. Another 400 courses are available from September and 90 per cent of last year's A-level students passed their exams.

For those who need to study for a formal qualification, subjects include GCSEs, AS and A-levels in English, maths, critical thinking, philosophy, psychology and sociology, as well as languages, accounting and law and formal certificates needed for work.

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Ian Forward, head of the Kent Adult Education Service, said: "We all need to keep up the habit of learning, especially in today's fast-changing world.

Fortunate

"Improving skills opens the door to a better paid job, the ability to keep up with our children's education and help them achieve and enjoy learning.

"As we get older, learning helps keep us fit, alert and positive and able to enjoy life more."

Mr Forward added: "We are fortunate in Kent to have one of the largest adult education services in the country and we offer more than 3,500 courses each year.

"We offer a very wide range of subjects to improve qualifications, improve people's basic skills, including computing and IT, plus a wide range of courses for personal interest. We aim to make all learning enjoyable and fun."



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Closing Date: Tuesday 25th March Interviews: Tuesday 1st April



Medway Community College

Maggie Hall Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 5JB

Headteacher: Mrs A E Ferris

Can you help us make a difference to the lives of young people and support their learning experience?

Do you want an opportunity to work in a school that believes 'Every Child Matters'?

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Medway Community College is a non-selective high school offering excellent opportunities for enthusiastic and ambitious applicants to contribute to our continuing development. Following an extensive staff and curriculum restructure we are currently seeking highly motivated staff with the vision and commitment to build on current successes and continue our development.

We currently have the following post available:

SCHOOL ASSESSMENT MANAGER C2/B1

(22-36) £18,907 - £28,919 pro rata 37 hrs/42 wks to include the week of issue of public examination results in August.

The post-holder will be responsible for ensuring that all student assessment data is correctly planned, inputted and analysed to assist internal and external audits, strategic planning across the school, effective self-evaluation and accurate measurement of student attainment and achievement and for the management and administration of all external and internal examinations. The post-holder will also understand, manipulate and present numerical information and data in a variety of user-friendly formats.

For further details and an Application Pack please contact

Mrs P Walshe, at the above address or:

Telephone: 01634 845196/7 Fax: 01634 406475 E-mail: walsp001@medway.org.uk

Closing date: 25th March 2008 noon Interviews anticipated: w/b 31st March 2008

Medway Community College is committed to safeguarding a promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.



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Employer Liaison Manager Employer Training Consultant

The postholders will support each other in the development of employer engagement and will take operational responsibility for the College's strategy and planning as well as being accountable for meeting employer engagement targets.

The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is Wednesday 19th March 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for any of the above vacancies, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answer phone), email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment.

Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.



TOWNLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Townley Road • Bexleyheath • Kent DA6 7AB

Telephone 020-8304-8311 • Fax 020-8298-7421

Headteacher: Mrs L Hutchinson BA MED

Web site: www.townleygrammar.org.uk

e-mail: admin@townleygrammar.org.uk

FACILITIES MANAGER

Full Time 36 hours per week

Salary range £25,557 - £30,066 Hay Scale B4

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We are seeking to appoint an experienced, forward thinking and highly motivated individual who as Facilities Manager will take responsibility for the management of the school buildings, grounds and security. The successful candidate will lead a team of support staff to provide a comprehensive facilities management service to the school. Townley Grammar School for Girls is a popular over-subscribed girls' selective school constructed on a 17 acre site. The site and facilities are used by the local community after school and at weekends.

The successful candidate will be expected to have good managerial, organisational and communication skills and have a 'hands on' involvement in the day to day management of the school site.

The post is full time with the expectation of some weekend work.

Visits to the school are welcome from interested applicants. Application forms and further details of the post are available on the school's web site or by telephone from Mrs T Howard, P.A to the Head Teacher at the school to whom completed forms should be returned by Wednesday 26th March 2008.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

This post is subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure

The School operates a no smoking policy



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Community & Planning Services Department Sevenoaks Direct Services

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With a working knowledge of vehicle operator licensing, driver licensing and working hours' legislation you will assist the Transport Manager in ensuring legal compliance. You will be responsible for matters of staff training, induction, appraisal, control, discipline and recruitment for staff reporting to the post.

You will have good knowledge of the Health and Safety at Work Act and related legislation. Your written and spoken communication skills will allow you to communicate effectively with customers, crews, managers, and other supervisors.

For an informal discussion about this post, please contact John Cox, Cleansing Manager on 01959 567375 or Ian Finch, Operations Manager, on 01959 567352.

Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme and excellent training and development opportunities.

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Closing date: Wednesday 26th March 2008

Interview Dates: Wednesday 9th April 2008

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Shepway Progression Project – Bridge into Business

PART-TIME PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

(Fixed Term)

Ref: 00936/K3

An enthusiastic and committed individual is sought to develop and co-ordinate a Kent and Medway Lifelong Learning Network 'Bridge into Business' Project, based at the University Centre, Folkestone.

You will be expected to market and deliver an LLN funded project, encouraging the progression of under represented groups in the Shepway area into business related Higher Education. You will be working with learners in a wide range of settings, including the workplace, further, adult and community education.

You will initiate, develop and deliver a range of activities and short courses with local colleges, business and community groups to generate demand for University accredited bite-sized business courses. You will work with individuals and groups of potential learners to encourage progression into further learning and support widened access to Higher Education.

You will be a graduate or equivalent and have experience in the organisation and management of projects and initiatives and a demonstrable commitment to widening participation and lifelong learning with a minimum of three years' experience in schools, further or Higher Education. You should possess excellent communication and organisational skills together with strong team and networking abilities, good IT skills and experience of working with young people and adults.

This role is a fixed term post of 16 hours per week to 31 July 2008. Flexibility in working arrangements is highly desirable and you will be expected to do some evening and weekend work.

Salary pro rata to £26,666 - £31,840 per annum

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

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Rainham School for Girls
(A Specialist Technology College & Training School)
Derwent Way, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent ME8 0BX. Tel: 01634 362 746
(NOR 1500) Head Teacher: Mrs J Dunn

Mathematics Teachers required for September 2008
Applications welcome from experienced teachers and NQTs

Rainham School for Girls is a popular and successful non-selective 11-19 school offering excellent opportunities for enthusiastic and ambitious applicants to contribute to its continuing development. The school has Investors in People status.

Relocation expenses (up to £1000) are available to all applicants.

Any offer of employment for this post will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure.

This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Application forms and further details are available from Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer at the School. Tel: 01634 362746, Fax: 01634 388334, email: dfrancis@rsg.org.uk

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Building on this significant success, Kent County Council is committed to opening a further 50 centres between now and the end of 2008. In Canterbury District there will be seven Round 1 and 2 Children's Centres. We are now looking for highly motivated people who can contribute to making a positive impact for children, families and their communities in Canterbury District.

Children's Centre Community Involvement Workers

**Starting salary £19,572 with progression through
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We are seeking to recruit 1.5 FTE Community Involvement Workers to work across the Canterbury area. You will work as part of multi-agency teams, raising awareness in the community about the range of services on offer in the centres. For those families who do not use the Children's Centres, you will provide important information and access to services. You will ensure that the views of children and their families and those of the wider community are sought and included in the development of services in the Children's Centres.

You will need to have strong interpersonal skills with an enthusiastic, tactful and flexible approach. You will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of how to support the most vulnerable families to access services to improve the outcomes for children. The role will include the co-ordination of the recruitment, training and management of volunteers to support the running of the Children's Centre.

These posts are:

0.5 FTE - Hersden (based at the Neighbourhood Centre)

1 FTE - working across Parkside (Herne Bay) and Briary (on the school site) **Ref: CFE/08/0095**

To find out more please contact Dion Darley on 01622 626761.

Closing date: midday, 27th March 2008.

Interview date: 22nd April 2008.

Education Welfare Officer

**Starting salary £19,572, with progression through
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37 hours a week, 0.8 term time only.**

**Deal and Sandwich Cluster, East Kent - currently
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Working for the Cluster, you will work with schools, families and pupils to promote regular school attendance. The work is challenging and requires ability to work independently as well as being a good team member. You will receive in service training, regular supervision, and support in your work with schools, pupils, their families and other agencies.

You will need the ability to travel, as visiting schools and homes etc is essential to the work. Essential car user allowance is payable. **Ref: CFE/08/0080**

Closing date: midday, 17 March 2008.

Interview date: w/c 1st April 2008

Support Worker

**Starting salary £17,842, with progression through
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**Temporary/Secondment Opportunity 29 hours
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Lifechoice, Sevenoaks

You will support adults in the community with learning disabilities by offering independence, rights and choice, our aim is to enable Service Users to have as much control over their lives as possible.

We are looking for a confident, friendly person with enthusiasm in working with Service Users, working as part of a team but able to use their own initiative as well as demonstrate their ability of lone working.

Your duties will include evenings, weekends and bank holidays shifts and experience in supporting people in the community with learning disabilities and a NVQ 3 would be an advantage. **Ref: KA55/08/0094**

We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.

Closing date: midday, 31st March 2008.

P/T Parish Survey Officer

**£55.59 per survey (approx 80 surveys) + mileage
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**Centre for Kentish Studies, Sessions House,
Maidstone**

We are looking for an organised, accurate and dedicated person to carry out surveys of historic parish records in churches throughout Kent. We are undertaking these surveys as part of our partnership with the Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses and they are an important part of the work to preserve and protect the wonderful historic parish collections.

You will need to be able to travel throughout the county and also to type up the surveys electronically. Full training will be given and you will have the support of staff from the Archives and Local History Service. **Ref: CD/08/0054**

Closing date: midday, 25th March 2008.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

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Along with experience of managing within a personnel and/or payroll environment, you'll need strong evaluation skills and a talent for implementing change. You should also demonstrate a solutions-orientated attitude and a great eye for detail. **Ref: CED/08/0023**

Interview date: 19th March 2008.

Employee Services Team Assistant

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Closing date for applications: 19 March 2008. Candidates will be invited for interview week commencing 31 March 2008.

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Section Manager Construction Crafts

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,806 per annum
Post Ref: 08/12/KOS

We require a dynamic individual to manage the Construction Crafts provision in the College. It is essential to have experience of working in at least one area of wood, brick or trowel.

The successful candidate will have excellent leadership skills, good oral and written communication skills, a strong focus on quality and experience of teaching.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
The closing date for the above post is Monday 17 March at 12 noon.
Interviews to be held on 3 April 2008

Staff benefits include:

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Temporary Section Manager Sports, Leisure, Travel & Tourism

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,806 per annum
One year temporary post to cover maternity leave
Interviews to be held on 2 April 2008
Post Ref: 08/27/KOS

Lecturer Construction Crafts

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum
Post Ref: 08/18/KOS

Lecturer Motor Vehicle

Full and Part time hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum (Pro Rata for part time posts)
Post Ref: 08/28/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Science/Chemistry (to teach ND Science/AS/A levels)
Post Ref: S/58C/KOS

AS/A level Archaeology
Post Ref: S/Arc/KOS

AS/A level Economics
Post Ref: S/Eco/KOS

Supply Lecturers required to teach at the Corporate IT Centre in the following areas:
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Desk Top Publishing, Web Design, Programming, Computer Aided Design, IT Maintenance, Networking Microsoft Office to Advanced level (using VISTA and Office 2007)
Please specify your area of expertise in your application form
Post Ref: S/Corp/KOS

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Registry Manager

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £36,365 per annum
Post Ref: 04/169/KOS
Interviews to be held on 28 March 2008

Infrastructure Team Leader (Computing Support)

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £23,651 per annum
Post Ref: NTL1/KOS

Senior Nursery Officer - Education and Curriculum

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum
Post Ref: 08/04/KOS

Pre 16 Learning Support

25 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.
Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum
Fixed term post ending 31 August 2010
Post Ref: 07/17/KOS

Trainer Demonstrator Sport & Leisure

9.25 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 08/26/KOS

Learning Support - Basic Skills & ESOL

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.
Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: 06/52/KOS

Temporary Senior Administrator for Work Based Learning

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum
Temporary post up to 1 May 2009 to cover maternity leave
Post Ref: ATC1/KOS

Temporary Train to Gain Administrator

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum.
Temporary post up to 16 January 2009 to cover maternity leave
Post Ref: 07/83/KOS

Supply NVQ Assessors required in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,727 - £25,418 pro rata per annum

Early Years
Post Ref: NVQ/EY/KOS

Play work
Post Ref: NVQ/PW/KOS

Supply Recreation Assistant

Various hours available, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum
Post Ref: S/RA/KOS

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
The closing date for the above posts is Monday 17 March at 12 noon.

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Part Time Teacher of Music

Required for September 2008, to cover a maternity leave, a teacher of music (4 days per week) with the ability to teach the subject to Advanced level.

Chatham House is a 4 FE boys' grammar school with a Sixth Form of 250 (61 of whom are girls) and has a marvellous reputation for music which is one of the strengths of this selective school.

For further details and an application form contact
Teresa McMaster, Headteacher's PA or Ms Hollman, Head of Music, at the school.

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Lecturer in Health, Social & Childcare Programmes Lecturer Grade B: £25,092 - £28,719

The post-holder will be involved in the delivery and teaching of Health, Social & Childcare from foundation to level 3, Ed excel/CACHE programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within either Health, Social Care or Childcare environments. The department will also consider applications for candidates who are interested in hourly paid or part-time teaching. Please note the closing date for this post is Friday, 10 March 2008.

Marketing & Communications Officer Support Grade F: £23,669 - £30,027

You'll be responsible for managing all the College's internal and external communications, including writing and editing the weekly staff newsletter, press releases, and maintaining the relevant areas of the College website. Additional duties will include writing copy for advertising campaigns in a variety of media and performing other marketing activities as required.

You should be educated to HND/degree standard, with excellent verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to work flexibly - often under pressure to meet tight deadlines. Experience in a similar role would be an advantage. Ability to travel between sites is essential.

Assistant Accountants

In order to strengthen the central Finance team and support the College as it progresses through a period of radical change, we are aiming to make three appointments:

Post 1 - Circa £15,000 + training package Ref: P0605

The successful candidate will work as part of the Credit Control team and will have ACCA/CIMA level 1 qualification or equivalent (e.g. AAT)

Post 2 - Circa £20,000 + training package Ref: P0606

The post-holder will work with the Financial Management team and will be a part-qualified accountant.

Post 3 - Circa £25,000 + training package Ref: P0607

Working with the Financial Management team you will have either recently qualified or be at the finalist stage of your qualification.

All applicants will need to be able to demonstrate recent and relevant knowledge and experience in finance and a good understanding of computerised systems. In return you will be expected to complete a full ACCA or CIMA accounting qualification within a specified timeframe.

Work Placement Co-ordinator (Term-Time) Support Grade C: £16,199 - £20,324 pro-rata

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic professional to place, monitor and assess students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in their work placements. The candidate will be able to work with minimum guidance, prioritise work effectively and demonstrate excellent organisational skills. The successful candidate will have a previous experience in a childcare profession e.g. nursery education, health visiting or social services.

College Information Services Assistant (Fixed-Term to July 2009 15hrs per week) Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata

The post will provide assistance to the existing CIS team in auditing information systems. Ideally, the successful candidate will have 5 GCSEs at Grade A* - C or equivalent, including English and Mathematics. The department will also consider applications for candidates who are interested in term-time only working.

Technician in Hair Design (Part-Time 18.5 hours per week) Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata Ref: P0044

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to students and assist with the running of various classes. The successful candidate will have good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within Hair Design.

Technician in Wood Occupations Support Grade B: £15,057 - £18,534 Ref: P0366

As a member of Construction Crafts team you will undertake all support duties associated with craft workshops as directed by teaching or instructing staff. You will have experience working in a relevant occupation and be able to demonstrate good organisational skills.

Administration Assistant/DSA (Rochester & Maidstone) (Part-Time 18 hours per week) Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199 Ref: P0534

You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications. The successful applicant will be based at either our Rochester or Maidstone Campus therefore please state your preferred site on your application.

Sessional/Hourly Paid Facilitators Basic Hourly Rate: £8.93 (£9.98 including holiday component) Ref: HPS

Sessional Facilitators are required to work with individuals/groups of learners on curriculum support programmes devised by the curriculum staff and/or CAST Tutors. A clear empathy for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and good communication skills are essential.

Apprentice in Administration (1 year Fixed-Term Contract) Grade A: based on percentage of £9,631 Ref: P0594

As a member of the Business Development Team you will provide administration support to College stakeholders. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

All posts are full-time (37 hours per week) unless otherwise stated. The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working and on-site gym.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) or e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate job title and reference number.

Closing date: Friday, 21 March 2008

Mid-Kent College is committed to Equal Opportunities and encourages applications from all sections of the community and welcomes applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.



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Westgate College for Deaf People is a residential specialist college providing post-16 education for d/Deafness learners with additional needs.

Deputy Head of College

Curriculum - Westgate-on-Sea, Kent
Salary range £40,821 to £45,575
Full-time - 44 weeks per annum

Reporting to the Head of College, you will lead the development of responsive learning provision at Westgate College, including the development of Foundation Learning Tier and Vocational Diplomas. You will manage the development of new curriculum initiatives and liaise with the Quality Assurance Manager to produce self-assessment reports and action plans, monitoring their effective implementation. You will work with the Head of College to set and monitor performance targets, including those required by external organisations, regulatory inspectors and the Governing Body.

You will have:

- A degree and/or teaching qualification
- Experience of successful curriculum design, leadership and management at strategic level in a further education College or a School
- Record of successful leadership of performance improvement and quality assurance in further education

We expect all our staff to be as committed as we are to our Child and Adult Protection policies and procedures. All positions are subject to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check, satisfactory references, and a fully checkable work history.

For further information and an application pack, please contact the Human Resources Department at The Royal School for Deaf Children Margate, Victoria Road, Margate, Kent CT9 1NB. Email: hr@royalschoolfordeaf.kent.sch.uk Telephone: 01843 227561.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 20th March 2008.

Interviews are planned to take place on 3rd April 2008.

We are committed to equal opportunities and diversity, encouraging and welcoming applications from all groups and communities.

www.rsdcm.org.uk
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Sheppey College

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Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Office Skills

Post Ref: SH/OS/KOS

Text & Word Processing

Post Ref: SH/TWP/KOS

Senior Learning Resources Officer

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum

Post Ref: SH/KOS

Supply NVQ Assessors/Internal Verifiers are required in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,727 - £25,418 pro rata per annum

Administration

Customer Service

Retail

Hairdressing

Beauty

Construction

Please specify your area of expertise in your application form

Post Ref: SH/Assessor/KOS

For an application pack please visit www.cam-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 17 March at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Close to City Centre
- Staff Discount Scheme



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MEDWAY TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES



PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Cliffe Woods Primary School

KS 2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 10 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mr Tim Watson
Cliffe Woods Primary School
View Road
Cliffe Woods
Rochester ME3 8UJ
Phone: 01634 220822
Email: headteacher@cliffewoods.medway.sch.uk

Cliffe Woods Primary School

KS 2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: 2 terms
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 14 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mr Tim Watson
Cliffe Woods Primary School
View Road
Cliffe Woods
Rochester ME3 8UJ
Phone: 01634 220822
Email: headteacher@cliffewoods.medway.sch.uk

Kingfisher Community Primary School

Foundation Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 18 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs S Ashdown
(School Administrator)
Kingfisher Community Primary School
Kingfisher Drive
Princes Park
Chatham ME5 7NX
Phone: 01634 865758
Email: headteacher@kingfisher.medway.sch.uk

Stoke Community School

KS 2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: 2 terms
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 20 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Carolyn Cassettari
Stoke Community School
Lower Stoke, Rochester
Kent ME3 9SL
Phone: 01634 270268
Email: headteacher@stoke.medway.sch.uk

Twydall Infant School

Year 1 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 25 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs S Fedosiuk, Headteacher
Twydall Infant School
Twydall Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 6JS
Phone: 01634 231761
Email: headteacher@twydallinf.medway.sch.uk

Walderslade Primary School

Reception Class teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and temporary
Term of Contract 12 May - December 2008
Please contact
Mrs A Milne, Headteacher

Walderslade Primary School
Dargetts Road
Walderslade
Chatham ME5 8BJ
Phone: 01634 861660
Email: headteacher@walderslade-pri.medway.sch.uk

Delce Junior School

Year Group Leader
Salary: L1 - 4 (£34,938 - £37,623)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 28 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Julia Knight, Business Manager
Delce Junior School
The Tideway
Rochester ME1 2NJ
Phone: 01634 321111
Fax: 01634 300063
Email: knigj017@medway.org.uk

Deputy Headteacher

Fairview Community Primary
Deputy Headteacher
Salary: LS 10 - 14 (£43,656 - £48,138)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 March 2008
Please Contact:
Fairview Community Primary School
Debbie Willis, Headteacher
Drewery Drive
Wigmore
Gillingham ME8 0NU
Phone: 01634 338710
Email: headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

Burnt Oak Primary School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: LS 3 - 7
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 17 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Gill Perry, Headteacher
Burnt Oak Primary School
Cornwall Road
Gillingham ME7 1LP
Phone: 01634 852991
Email: office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: LS 11 - 15
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 17 March 2008
Please Contact:
Miss Joanne Trickett, Headteacher
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School
Pottery Road
Rochester ME3 9BS
Phone: 01634 338040
Email: office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

Walderslade Primary School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: L5 - L9 (£38,559 - £42,564)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 25 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Angela Milne, Headteacher
Walderslade Primary School
Dargetts Road
Walderslade ME5 8BJ
Phone: 01634 861660
Email: headteacher@walderslade-pri.medway.sch.uk

Key stage/Phase Manager

All Saints CE Primary School
Key Stage/Phase Manager - KS1
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008

Closing date: 26 March 2008

Please Contact:
Mrs Hill (Head Teacher Designated)
All Saints CE Primary School
Maggie Hall Road
Chatham ME4 5JY
Phone: 01634 338922
Email: headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

All Saints CE Primary School

Key Stage/Phase Manager - KS2
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 26 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Hill (Head Teacher Designated)
All Saints CE Primary School
Maggie Hall Road
Chatham ME4 5JY
Phone: 01634 338922
Email: headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

Assistant Headteacher

Walderslade Primary School
Assistant Headteacher
Salary: LS 3 - 7 £36,708 - £40,590
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 20 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs A Milne, Headteacher
Walderslade Primary School
Dargetts Road, Walderslade
Chatham ME5 8BJ
Phone: 01634 861660
Email: headteacher@walderslade-pri.medway.sch.uk

Head Teacher

Maundene School
Head Teacher
Salary: L20 - L26 £55,782 - £64,611
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 March 2008
Please Contact:
Sue Bowers,
HR (Schools) Medway Council
Civic Centre
Strood ME5 7QB
Phone: 01634 331100
Email: vacancies@medway.gov.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Chatham Grammar School for Girls

Teacher of Latin
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 March 2008
Please Contact:
Emma Chilmaid
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Rainham Road
Chatham ME5 7EH
Phone: 01634 851262
Fax: 01634 571928
Email: chile001@medway.org.uk

Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

History Teacher
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 12 March
Please Contact:
Ms Jacqueline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's
Mathematical School,
Maidstone Road, Rochester,
Kent, ME1 3EL
Phone: 01634 844008
E-mail: harrisonj@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

German/Spanish Teacher
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 12 March
Please Contact:
Ms Jacqueline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's
Mathematical School,
Maidstone Road,
Rochester,
Kent, ME1 3EL
Phone: 01634 844008
E-mail: harrisonj@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

Chatham South School

English Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 14 March
Please Contact:
Mrs M Chipperfield, Office
Manager
Chatham South School
Letchworth Avenue
Chatham
Kent, ME4 6NT
Phone: 01634 404277
E-mail: chipm002@medway.org.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School

Teacher of MFL Spanish/French
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 13 March
Please Contact:
School office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent, ME8 7AJ
Phone: 01634 364151
E-mail: office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Greenacre School

Teacher of PE
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 30 April 2008
Please Contact:
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher
Greenacre School
Bradfields Avenue
Chatham
Kent, ME5 0LE
Phone: 01634 861593
E-mail: office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

Greenacre School

Subject Leader in English
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 April 2008
Please Contact:
Mr A J Reese
Headteacher
Greenacre School
(A Specialist Sports College)
Bradfields Avenue
Chatham ME5 0LE
Phone: 01634 861593
Fax: 01634 869246
Email: office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

Rainham School for Girls

Teacher of Mathematics
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 10 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer
Rainham School for Girls
Derwent Way
Rainham
Kent, ME8 0BX
Phone: 01634 362746
E-mail: admin@rsrg.org.uk

The Thomas Aveling School

Teacher of Science
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Mr r Hart, Headteacher
The Thomas Aveling School
Arelthusa Road
Rochester
Kent, ME1 2UW
Phone: 01634 844809
E-mail: office@thomasaveling.co.uk

Graduate Trainee Teacher

Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Science Graduate
Full Time and Fixed Term
Contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 10 March
Please Contact:
Ms Jacqueline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's
Mathematical School,
Maidstone Road,
Rochester,
Kent,
ME1 3EL
Phone: 01634 844008
E-mail: harrisonj@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

Head of Department

The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School

Head of Technology
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1c (£8,405 per annum)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 13 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Kirsty Cruttenden
The Hundred of Hoo
Comprehensive School
Main Road
Hoo
Rochester ME3 9HH
Phone: 01634 251443
Fax: 01634 254323
Email: crutk001@medway.org.uk

The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School

Head of Art
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1c (£8,405 per annum)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 13 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Kirsty Cruttenden
The Hundred of Hoo
Comprehensive School
Main Road, Hoo
Rochester ME3 9HH
Phone: 01634 251443
Fax: 01634 254323
Email: crutk001@medway.org.uk

Greenacre School

Subject Leader in English
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 April 2008
Please Contact:
Mr A J Reese
Headteacher
Greenacre School
(A Specialist Sports College)
Bradfields Avenue
Chatham ME5 0LE
Phone: 01634 861593
Fax: 01634 869246
Email: office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

Chatham South

Head of ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR c
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs M Chipperfield
Office Manager, Chatham South
Letchworth Avenue
Chatham ME4 6NT
Phone: 01634 404277
Fax: 01634 869246
Email: headteacher@chathamssouth.medway.sch.uk

Senior Vice Principle

The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School

Senior Vice Principle
Salary: L25 - L29
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 17 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Kirsty Cruttenden
The Hundred of Hoo
Comprehensive School
Main Road
Hoo
Rochester ME3 9HH
Phone: 01634 251443
Fax: 01634 254323
Email: crutk001@medway.org.uk

Vice Principle

The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School

Vice Principle
Salary: L12 - L20
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 17 March 2008
Please Contact:
Mrs Kirsty Cruttenden
The Hundred of Hoo
Comprehensive School
Main Road
Hoo
Rochester ME3 9HH
Phone: 01634 251443
Fax: 01634 254323
Email: crutk001@medway.org.uk

Special Schools

Rivermead

Teacher of General Subjects
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN
Allowance £1818
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 March 2008
Mrs Karen Watkin
Office Manager
Rivermead
Forge Lane
Gillingham ME7 1UG
Phone: 01634 338348
Email: office@rivermead.medway.sch.uk

Abbey Court Community Special School

SEN teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + 2 SEN points
Full Time and temporary
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 14 March 2008
Linda Taylor, Business Manager
Abbey Court School
Rede Court Road
Rochester ME2 3SP
Phone: 01634 338224
Email: office@abbeycourt.med.sch.uk

Elaine Primary (Chalklands Opportunity Centre)

SEN Teacher (Primary)
Salary: MPS/UPS + 2 SEN allowance
Part time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 29 March 2008
Please Contact:
Lynne Garnham
Headteacher
Elaine Primary School
Elaine Avenue, Strood
Rochester ME2 2YN
Phone: 01634 718057
Fax: 01634 290191
Email: headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk

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JOB TITLE:
Accounts Assistant
LOCATION:
Tunbridge Wells
SALARY:
Circa £19,000 per annum plus benefits
COMPANY:
Mack
TO APPLY:
Recruitment Team
Mack
Tel: 01892 835577
Email
recruitment@mackmultiples.com
CLOSING DATE
15th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Service Admin Assistant
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
LMS Ltd
TO APPLY:
LMS Ltd
Email Jan.wood@kosmedia.co.uk

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT

JOB TITLE:
Garden Furniture General Assistant
LOCATION:
Sidcup
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
James Evans
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
Email james@heavans.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Landscape for Living General Assistant
LOCATION:
Sidcup
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
James Evans
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
Email james@heavans.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Sundries and Landscape for Living Manager
LOCATION:
Sidcup
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
James Evans
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
Email james@heavans.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Sundries General Assistant
LOCATION:
Sidcup
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
James Evans
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
Email james@heavans.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Various Seasonal Weekend Positions
LOCATION:
Sidcup
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
James Evans
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
Email james@heavans.co.uk

JJOB TITLE:
Housekeeper
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Friars (The)
TO APPLY:
Friars (The)
Tel: 01622 717272
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

CHILD CARE

JOB TITLE:
Care Assistants

LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Royal London Society For The Blind
TO APPLY:
Michelle Kenney
Royal London Society For The Blind
Tel: 01732 592514
Email recruitment@rlsb.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
21st March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Hotfoot Summer Play scheme
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Maidstone Borough Council
TO APPLY:
Maidstone Borough Council
Tel: 01622 602555
Email recruitment@maidstone.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 19th March 2008

CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYORS

JOB TITLE:
Collectors
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Scotcall Ltd
TO APPLY:
Mark
Scotcall Ltd
Tel: 07966 968128
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
P/T Parish Survey Officer
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£55.59 per survey (approx 80 surveys) + mileage and working at home allowance
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
25th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Purchase Ledger Clerk
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Negotiable
COMPANY:
GSE Group
TO APPLY:
Sue Barlow
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506320
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

JOB TITLE:
Sub-Contractor Payments Clerk
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Negotiable
COMPANY:
GSE Group
TO APPLY:
Sue Barlow
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506320
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE, CALL CENTRE

JOB TITLE:
Service Advisor Vacancy
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Sherlodge Garage
TO APPLY:
The General Manager
Sherlodge Garage
Tel: 01634 377444
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

JOB TITLE:
14-19 Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
L10 - 14 pro rata

COMPANY:
Aylesford School - Sports College
The post will suit a consultant who is able to offer 60 days per academic year on a flexible basis or equivalent part-time appointment. Salary Range: L10 - 14 pro rata
Required for September 2008 (for 1 year in the first instance) Medway Valley is a Consortium comprising of Aylesford School - Sports College, Malling Holmesdale Federation and Wrotham School. We currently collaborate on post 16 provision. We are now seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, experienced and suitably qualified person to develop the 14-19 curriculum across the schools. You will: •Have a commitment to improving learning opportunities for young people; •Have considerable teaching experience preferably at a senior level; •Be up to date with developments in the 14 -19 reform programme. The schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The post is subject to an enhanced CRB check. An information pack is available from Aylesford School - Sports College, Teapot Lane, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7JU. telephone 01622 717341 or email the Headteacher's PA, Jill McKenna
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
Closing date for applications: Tuesday 18th March 2008. Interviews will be held the week of the 31st March 2008.
TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
18th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Administration Assistant/DSA (Rochester and Maidstone)
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Apprentice in Administration (1 year Fixed-Term Contract)
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Grade A: based on percentage of £9,631
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assistant Accountant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Circa £15,000 + training package
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assistant Accountant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Circa £20,000 + training package
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assistant Accountant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Circa £25,000 + training package
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
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CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

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Assistant Accountant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Circa £25,000 + training package
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
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Friday, 21 March 2008

TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assistant Headteacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
LS 3 - 7 £36,708 - £40,590
COMPANY:
Walderslade Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs A Milne
Walderslade Primary School
Tel: 01634 861660
Email headteacher@walderslade-pri.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
20 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
AST in Mathematics and Science
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
AST scale depending on qualifications/experience
COMPANY:
St George's CoE School
TO APPLY:
St George's CoE School
Email chariwall@stgeorgescoe.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
19th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Branch Manager Required for Local Estate Agent
LOCATION:
Ramegate
SALARY:
£35,000 - £50,000 OTE
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Lee-Ann Powell-PSB
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 01843 591798
Email lpowell@hrgokent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Chemistry and Physics Technicians
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
Band 5
COMPANY:
Oakwood Park Grammar School
TO APPLY:
Oakwood Park Grammar School
Tel: 01622 726683
Email office@oakwoodpark.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
18th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Children's Centre Community Involvement Workers
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting salary £19,572 with progression through contribution related pay to £22,268 pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Dion Darley - Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 626761
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
College Information Services Assistant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Head of College
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
£40,821 to £45,575
COMPANY:
Royal School for Deaf Children
TO APPLY:
Royal School for Deaf Children
Tel: 01843 227561
Email
info@royalschoolfordeaf.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
20th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Headteacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
LS 3 - 7
COMPANY:
Burnt Oak Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Gill Perry
Burnt Oak Primary School
Tel: 01634 852991
Email
office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Headteacher
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
Salary: L5 - L9 (£38,559 - £42,564)
COMPANY:
Walderslade Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Angela Milne
Walderslade Primary School
Tel: 01634 861660
Email headteacher@walderslade-pri.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
25 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Education Liaison Officer - Medway YOT
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
£22,122 - £28,919 plus essential car user allowance
COMPANY:
Medway Council
TO APPLY:
Mark Walsh
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 336236
Email
applications@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
14 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Education Welfare Officer
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
Starting salary £19,572, with progression through contribution related pay to £22,268 pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Families to teach English
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Home International Language
TO APPLY:
Gloria White
Home International Language
Tel: 07876 723 585
Email whitetorres@aol.com

JOB TITLE:
Foundation Teachers
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Kingfisher Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs S Ashdown
Kingfisher Primary School
Tel: 01634 865758
Email headteacher@kingfisher.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
18 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Graduate Teacher Programme - Science/Maths
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Pent Vally Tech
TO APPLY:
Miss S Spratley
Pent Vally Tech
Tel: 01303 277161
Email samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk

JOB TITLE:
Graduate Teacher Scheme for 2008
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
TBA

COMPANY:
Oakwood Park Grammar School
TO APPLY:
Oakwood Park Grammar School
Tel: 01622 726683
Email office@oakwoodpark.org.uk

JOB TITLE:
Graduates
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
St Edmund's Catholic School
TO APPLY:
Mr C.J. Atkin
St Edmund's Catholic School
Tel: 01304 201551
Email office@st-edmunds-dover.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
25th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Head of Technology
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 1c (£8,405 per annum)
COMPANY:
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Kirsty Crutenden
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 251443
Email crk4001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
13 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Head Teacher
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
Salary: L20 - L26 £55,782 - £64,611
COMPANY:
Maudene School
TO APPLY:
Sue Bowers - Maudene School
Tel: 01634 331100
Email vacancies@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
14 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
History Teacher
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
TO APPLY:
Ms Jacqueline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Tel: 01634 844008
Email harrisonj@sjwilliamson.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
12 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Infrastructure Team Leader (Computing Support)
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £23,651 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282 (24 hour answerphone)
Email www.cant-col.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 17th March at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
Key Stage/Phase Manager - KS1
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
COMPANY:
All Saints CE Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Hill - All Saints CE Primary School
Tel: 01634 338922
Email headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
26 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Key Stage/Phase Manager - KS2
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
COMPANY:
All Saints CE Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Hill
All Saints CE Primary School
Tel: 01634 338922
Email headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
26 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Cliffe Woods Primary School
TO APPLY:
Tim Watson
Cliffe Woods Primary School
Tel: 01634 220822
Email headteacher@cliffewoods.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
14 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Cliffe Woods Primary School
TO APPLY:
Tim Watson
Cliffe Woods Primary School
Tel: 01634 220822
Email headteacher@cliffewoods.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
14 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Stoke Community School
TO APPLY:
Carolyn Cassettari
Stoke Community School
Tel: 01634 270268
Email
headteacher@stoke.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
20 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Stoke Community School
TO APPLY:
Carolyn Cassettari
Stoke Community School
Tel: 01634 270268
Email
headteacher@stoke.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
20 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Learning Support - Basic Skills and ESOL
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282 (24 hour answerphone)
Email www.cant-col.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 17th March at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer Construction Crafts
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,816 - £25,545 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 17 March at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Health, Social and Childcare Programmes
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Lecturer Grade B: £25,092 - £28,719
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 10 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer Motor Vehicle
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,816 - £25,545 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College



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CLOSING DATE
Monday 17 March at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
Marketing and Communications Officer
Kent
SALARY:
Support Grade F: £23,669 - £30,027
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Mathematics Teachers
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Rainham School for Girls
TO APPLY:
Mrs D Francis
Rainham School for Girls
Tel: 01634 362746
Email dfrancis@rsg.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
10th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
MFL Spanish/French Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Rainham Mark Grammar
TO APPLY:
Rainham Mark Grammar
Tel: 01634 364151
Email
office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
13 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Part Time Teacher of Music
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Chatham Grammar School for Boys
TO APPLY:
Teresa McMaster
Chatham Grammar School for Boys
Tel: 01843 591075
Email headteacher@chathamhouse.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
Thursday 13th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Part Time Year 5/6
LOCATION:
Tenterden
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Benenden C of E Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs J Reich
Benenden C of E Primary School
Tel: 01580 240565
Email headteacher@benenden-cep.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
20th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Pre 16 Learning Support
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282 (24 hour answerphone)
Email www.cant-col.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 17th March at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
Public Services Lecturer
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
South Kent College
TO APPLY:
South Kent College
Tel: 0845 207 8222
Email
humanresources@southkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
26th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Qualified Nursery Nurse
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Shooting Box Day Nursery (The)
TO APPLY:
Shooting Box Day Nursery (The)
Tel: 01795 424262
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Senior Vice Principle
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
L25 - L29
COMPANY:
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Kirsty Cruttenden
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 251443
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Sessional Tutors - Various Posts
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Medway Adult Learning Service
TO APPLY:
Chris Osborne
Medway Adult Learning Service
Tel: 01634 338423
Email
christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
7th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Sessional/Hourly Paid Facilitators
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Basic Hourly Rate: £8.93 (£9.98 including holiday component)
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Site Supervisor
LOCATION:
Meopham
SALARY:
37 Hours per week - £17894 pa plus £479 Area Allowance
COMPANY:
Helen Allison School
TO APPLY:
Michelle Hunt
Helen Allison School
Tel: 01474 814878
Email helenallison@nas.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
19th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Support Worker
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
Starting salary £17,842, with progression through contribution related pay to £19,572 pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
31st March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of German/ Spanish
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
TO APPLY:
Jacqueline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Tel: 01634 844008
Email harrisonj@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
12 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Mathematics (KS4)

LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
MPS plus TLR depending on Qualifications/Experience
COMPANY:
St George's CoE School
TO APPLY:
St George's CoE School
Email dharwalj@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
19th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of PE
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Greenacre School
TO APPLY:
Mr A J Reese
Greenacre School
Tel: 01634 861593
Email
office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Science
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Thomas Aveling School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Hart
Thomas Aveling School
Tel: 01634 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
14 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Science
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
MPS suitable for NQT
COMPANY:
St George's CoE School
TO APPLY:
St George's CoE School
Email dharwalj@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
13th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teaching Assistant
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Ursuline College
TO APPLY:
Angela Bamford,
Ursuline College
Tel: 01843 834431
Email recruitment@ursuline.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
26th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teaching Assistant/ Midday Supervisor
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
KS37 - 11 - £13,619 - £15,440 pro rata
COMPANY:
Bean Primary School
TO APPLY:
Laura Herbert
Bean Primary School
Tel: 01474 833225
Email
Headteacher@bean.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
Thursday 20th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Technician in Hair Design
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Support Grade A: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Technician in Wood Occupations
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Support Grade B: £15,057 - £18,534
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Temporary Teachers For Pupils With Severe And Profound Learning Difficulties
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS + 2 SEN Points
COMPANY:
Abbey Court School
TO APPLY:
Linda Taylor - Abbey Court School
Tel: 01634 338224
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
14th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Vice Principle
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
L12 - L20
COMPANY:
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Kirsty Cruttenden
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 251443
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 March 2008

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Vice Principle
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
L12 - L20
COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
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Email crutk001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 March 2008

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COMPANY:
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CLOSING DATE
17 March 2008

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LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
L12 - L20
COMPANY:
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Kirsty Cruttenden
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 251443
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Work Experience Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Salary - £14,500 - £15,500pa
COMPANY:
Medway Education Business Partnership
TO APPLY:
Dawn Jansen
Medway Education Business Partnership
Tel: 01634 204995
Email dawn@mebp.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
19th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Work Placement Co-ordinator (Term-Time)
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Support Grade C: £16,199 - £20,324 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 21 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Year 1 Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham

SALARY:
Year 1 MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Twydall Infant School
TO APPLY:
Mrs S Fedosuk
Twydall Infant School
Tel: 01634 231761
Email headteacher@twydallinf.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
25 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Year Group Leader
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Salary: L1 - 4 (£34,938 - £37,623)
COMPANY:
Delce Junior School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Julia Knight
Delce Junior School
Tel: 01634 321111
Email knigi017@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
28 March 2008

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

JOB TITLE:
Design Engineer
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
£30,000+
COMPANY:
Exectec
TO APPLY:
Doreen Rolph
Exectec
Tel: 01322 424844
Email drophi@hrgokent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Electrician
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
£23,000+ - Overtime
COMPANY:
Exectec
TO APPLY:
Doreen Rolph
Exectec
Tel: 01322 424844
Email drophi@hrgokent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Field Service Engineer
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
LMS Ltd
TO APPLY:
LMS Ltd
Tel: 01732 743901
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Skilled Fitter
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
DOE
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Heidi Woods
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 01303 850729
Email hwoods@hrgokent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Structural and Civil Engineers
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Tony Gee & Partners LLP
TO APPLY:
Gavin Thom (ref KOS)
Tony Gee & Partners LLP
Email gtp@tgp.co.uk

ESTATE AGENCY, PROPERTY

JOB TITLE:
Sales Negotiator
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Neg
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Matt Goodban
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 01233 634242
Email mgoodban@hrgokent.co.uk

GRADUATE, TRAINEES

JOB TITLE:
Graduate Teacher Programme

LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Northfleet Technology College
TO APPLY:
Northfleet Technology College
Tel: 01474 533802 Ext. 201
Email taylorj@ntc.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Home Inspector Training
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Home Inspector
TO APPLY:
Home Inspector
Tel: 0208 335 1700
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Regulatory/ Compliance Technologist
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£26,000 - £27,000
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Heidi Woods
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 01303 850729
Email hwoods@hrgokent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Security Guard
LOCATION:
Sidcup
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
Email james@havens.co.uk

HR, RECRUITMENT

JOB TITLE:
Recruitment Consultant
LOCATION:
Bromley
SALARY:
£15,000 - £22,000
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Suzie Spooner
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 0208 4608100
Email sspooner@hrgokent.co.uk

INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, FACTORY

JOB TITLE:
Machine Setter required for local company
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
£7.00 p/h
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Lee-Ann Powell-PSB
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 01843 591798
Email lpowell@hrgokent.co.uk

INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

JOB TITLE:
Day Programme Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£23,749- £28,172 (SCP 29 - 35) - 37 hours
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
Linda Ranger
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01227 781 297
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
14th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Senior Account Handler
LOCATION:
Bromley
SALARY:
£25000 - £35000
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment

TO APPLY:
Suzie Spooner
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 0208 4608100
Email sspooner@hrgokent.co.uk

INSURANCE, BANKING, FINANCE

JOB TITLE:
Financial Controller
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Sing for your life
TO APPLY:
Stuart Brown - Sing for your life
Tel: 01303 298546
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

JOB TITLE:
Children's Centre Manager
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
Starting salary £29,190
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

JOB TITLE:
Employee Services Team Manager
LOCATION:
West Malling
SALARY:
Salary £34,507 to £39,712 pa
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

JOB TITLE:
Employer Liaison Manager/ Employer Training Consultant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
South Kent College
TO APPLY:
Human Resources Department
South Kent College
Tel: 0845 207 8222
Email
humanresources@southkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
19th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Facilities Manager
LOCATION:
Bexley
SALARY:
Salary range £25,557 - £30,066 Hay Scale B4 Plus the opportunity to progress to £33,072
COMPANY:
Townley Grammar School for Girls
TO APPLY:
Townley Grammar School for Girls
Tel: 020-8304-8311
Email
admin@townleygrammar.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
26th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Pet and Aquatic Manager
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£15,000 - £20,000
COMPANY:
Grafty Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
Pauline - Grafty Garden Centre
Tel: 01622 858800
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Plant Area Manager
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£15,000 - £20,000
COMPANY:
Grafty Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
Pauline
Grafty Garden Centre
Tel: 01622 858800
Email
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JOB TITLE:
Produced In Kent Manager
LOCATION:
Tonbridge



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SALARY:
In the region of £40,000 to £45,000 per annum
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Stuart Gibbons
Kent County Council
Tel: 01222 621958
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
School Assessment Manager C2/B1
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
(22-36) £18,907 - £28,919 pro rata 37 hrs/42 wks to include the week of issue of public examination results in August.
COMPANY:
Medway Community College
TO APPLY:
Mrs P Walshe
Medway Community College
Tel: 01634 845196/7
Email walsp001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
25th March 2008

MARKETING, ADVERTISING

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Call Centre Agents
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£6.00p/h
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Natalie Stokakes
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 01303 850729
Email nstokakes@hrgokent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Market Research Telephone Interviewers and Telemarketing Personnel
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Business Advantage Group plc
TO APPLY:
Business Advantage Group plc
Email Stevie.marrett@business-advantage.com

JOB TITLE:
Marketing Manager
LOCATION:
Bromley
SALARY:
£25000 - £30000
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Suzie Spooner
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 0208 4608100
Email sspooner@hrgokent.co.uk

MOTOR TRADE, DRIVER

JOB TITLE:
Delivery Driver Assistant
LOCATION:
Sidcup
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
TO APPLY:
James Evans
Ruxley Manor Garden Centre
Email james@heavans.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Depolluter
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Neg
COMPANY:
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
TO APPLY:
Depolluter
Suzi Cudapas
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
Tel: 01202 744194 ext 226
Email suzy@trent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
19 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Parts Advisor
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Good rates of pay
COMPANY:
Whitehouse Jeep (Crayford)
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TO APPLY:
Whitehouse Jeep (Crayford)
Email
tim.collier@whitehousegroup.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
HGV Class 2 Drivers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Neg
COMPANY:
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
TO APPLY:
Suzy Cudapas
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
Tel: 01202 744194 ext 226
Email suzy@trent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
19 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Image Assistant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Neg
COMPANY:
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
TO APPLY:
Image Assistant
Suzy Cudapas
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
Tel: 01202 744194 ext 226
Email suzy@trent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
19 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
LGV 2 with Dry Experience
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
£9.00
COMPANY:
Drivers Elite
TO APPLY:
Mandy Bunyan
Drivers Elite
Tel: 01322 277555
Email mbunyan@hrgokent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Packer/ Wrapper
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Neg
COMPANY:
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
TO APPLY:
Packer/ Wrapper
Suzy Cudapas
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
Tel: 01202 744194 ext 226
Email suzy@trent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
19 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Prep Assistant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Neg
COMPANY:
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
TO APPLY:
Suzy Cudapas
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
Tel: 01202 744194 ext 226
Email suzy@trent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
19 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Vehicle Dismantler
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Neg
COMPANY:
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
TO APPLY:
Vehicle Dismantler
Suzy Cudapas
Charles Trent Vehicle Management
Tel: 01202 744194 ext 226
Email suzy@trent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
19 March 2008

NOT FOR PROFIT, CHARITIES

JOB TITLE:
Service Coordinators
Ftand PT

LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Circa £20K
COMPANY:
East Kent Mencap
TO APPLY:
Jason Gerlack
East Kent Mencap
Email jason.gerlack@eastkentmencap.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
24th March 08

NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
Community Carers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Meridian Care
TO APPLY:
Meridian Care
Tel: 01227 712300 / 01304 240424
Email MeridianCbury@aol.com

JOB TITLE:
Head Of Care / Matron
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Shottendane Nursing Home
TO APPLY:
Colin Foreman
Shottendane Nursing Home
Tel: 07857 682060
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Senior Care Staff, Healthcare Assistants and Kitchen Staff
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Hillbeck Residential Home
TO APPLY:
Mr ID Chandler
Hillbeck Residential Home
Tel: 01622 737847
Email ian@charinghealthcare.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Two Deputy Manager Positions (Beckenham and Staplehurst)
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Nellsar Ltd
TO APPLY:
Sarah
Nellsar Ltd
Tel: 07932 630 901
Email sarah.ragumoorthy@nellsar.com

OTHER

JOB TITLE:
APPOINTMENT OF ADMISSION APPEAL PANEL MEMBERS
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Voluntary + Expenses
COMPANY:
Thomas Aveling School
TO APPLY:
The Clerk to the Governors,
Thomas Aveling School
Tel: 01634 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
23 March 2008

PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

JOB TITLE:
Cleansing Supervisor
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£24,284 to £32,141 rising to £33,826 p.a.
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks District Council
TO APPLY:
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01732 227102
Email recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
26th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Community Involvement Workers
LOCATION:
Tonbridge

SALARY:
Starting salary £19,572, with progression through contribution related pay to £22,268 per annum (pro rata for part-time)
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Dion Darley
Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 626761
Email dion.darley@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
18 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Day Programme Worker - East Kent
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£20,736 - £25,320 (SCP 25-31) 37 hours per week
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
21st March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Employee Services Team Assistant
LOCATION:
West Malling
SALARY:
Salary £15,440 to £19,572 pa*
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
11th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Part-Time Project Co-ordinator (Fixed Term)
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
Salary pro rata to £26,666 - £31,840 per annum
COMPANY:
University of Greenwich
TO APPLY:
University of Greenwich
Email jobs@gre.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
14 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
School Workforce Development Consultant
Soulbury 9-13 (plus 3SPA)
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Caroline Pitt
Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 203800
Email caroline.pitt@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
13 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Scriptbase/Pharmacy Liaison Worker
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Salary £16,217 - £18,430 (SCP 17-21)
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
Mayur Derodra - KCA (UK)
Tel: 01622 690944
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 14th March 2008 at 5.00 pm

JOB TITLE:
Shepway and Ashford 14-19 Planning Forum Strategic Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Salary £50,000+ pa
COMPANY:
Brockhill Park Performing Arts College
TO APPLY:
Katherine Daynes
Brockhill Park Performing Arts College
Tel: 0845 019 4152
Email Katherine.daynes@lsc.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
24th March 2008

RETAIL, WHOLESALE, SALES

JOB TITLE:
Direct Salespeople

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Can earn over £80,000 a year.
COMPANY:
Protectacoat
TO APPLY:
Protectacoat
Tel: 0800 526486 or 0800 7836930
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Direct Salespeople
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Protectacoat
TO APPLY:
Protectacoat
Tel: 0800 526486 or 0800 7836930, nc
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Field Sales Manager - Ashford
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Sheffield Insulations
TO APPLY:
Richard Cockett
Sheffield Insulations
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Full Time Sales Person
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Morris and Turner
TO APPLY:
Rob Vennink
Morris and Turner
Tel: 01634 813813
Email rob@morrisandturner.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Sales Representative
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Competitive rates of pay including car
COMPANY:
UK Platforms
TO APPLY:
Ben Cross
UK Platforms
Email benross@ukplatforms.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
14th March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Travel Sales Consultants
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
Competitive salaries + attractive commission + benefits
COMPANY:
Saga
TO APPLY:
Alice Forsyth,
Saga
Tel: 01303 774888
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
2 April 2008

SCIENTIFIC & PHARMACEUTICAL, RESEARCH

JOB TITLE:
Port Control Officer
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£30413 - £35716
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Heidi Woods
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 01303 850729
Email hwoods@hrgokent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Scientist / Research associate
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Dept on Experience
COMPANY:
PSB Recruitment
TO APPLY:
Anita Scales
PSB Recruitment
Tel: 01634 811494
Email ascales@hrgokent.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Insolvency Rules 1986 EVOKE 2K LIMITED (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation) Registered No: 05477733
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that David Elliott of Moore Stephens LLP, Victory House, Quayside, Chatham Maritime, Kent, ME4 4QU, was appointed liquidator of the company on 26 February 2008.
Date: 26 February 2008
David Elliott, Liquidator

JC'S BODY AND PAINT LTD (Company Number 05803266)
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 93 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 3BY, on Thursday, 27 March 2008, at 10.45 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
The Resolutions at the meeting of creditors may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting may receive information about, or be asked to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act, a list of names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 5th Floor, City Wharf, New Bailey Street, Manchester M3 5ER, on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
Dated: 25 February 2008
By Order of the Board
JW Cork, Director

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A building certified for worship named Ashford Christian Fellowship, 23 Tufon Street, Ashford in the registration district of Kent, in the Non-Metropolitan County of Kent, was on 20 February 2008 registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by Section 1 (1) of the Marriages Acts Amendment Act, 1958. Superintendent Registrar.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Miss Barbara Riggs - Mount Lodge, Westerham Hill to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premises.
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.
Objections should be sent to the following address
Martin Alford, Head of Registration,
Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION MADE UNDER REGULATION 10 OF THE POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2000 INTEGRATED POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Notice is hereby given that Fridays Ltd has applied to the Environment Agency for an Integrated Pollution Prevention Control (IPPC) permit to operate an installation involving the keeping of hens for egg production. The installation is located at Knoxbridge/Teleshur Farm in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent.

The application contains a description of any foreseeable significant effects of emissions from the installation on the environment.
Information relating to the above IPPC applications for permits to operate all installations are held at the Environment Agency, Orchard House, Endeavour Park, London Road, Addington, West Malling Kent ME19 5SH. Also at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Civic Way, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS

Members of the public can inspect these registers free of charge at the above stated addresses during normal office hours. Any objections or representations to the above IPPC application should be made in writing to the Environment Agency at the address below, within 28 days from the date of this public notice. Environment Agency Trentside Office, Scarrington Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG25FA
Any such objections or representations will be entered into a public register unless the person making them requests in writing that they should not be so placed. If there is such a request, the register will only include a statement that there has been a request. This application is subject to the Public Participation Directive.

This means the Environment Agency will consult on it's draft decision before finally determining this application. The draft notice will be placed in the public registers and advertised on the Environment Agency website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk

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Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS WHITSTABLE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because highway repairs and utility connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads Whitstable, as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on 10 March 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

The Schedule		
Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes
Harbour Street, Whitstable.	From its junction with Woodlawn Street to its junction with Albert Street.	Harbour Street, Cromwell Road, Oxford Street and High Street.
Harbour Street, Whitstable.	Suspension of one way traffic between Albert Street and High Street.	Not applicable
Harbour Street, Whitstable.	Suspension of No entry order at its junction with High Street	Not applicable
Cromwell Road, Whitstable	From its junction with Oxford Street for a distance of approximately 30 metres in a North easterly direction only.	Oxford Street, High Street, Horsebridge Road, Sea Street, Harbour Street and Cromwell Road.

This Order will come into force on Monday 10 March 2008, and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS SANDWICH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway patching works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various roads Sandwich as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on or after 25 March 2008 for an estimated period of 3 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes
Phase 1		
Woodsenborough Road Sandwich	From its junction Moat Sole to the level Crossing.	St Barts Road, New Street, Cattle Market and Moat Sole.
Phase 2		
Cattle Market Sandwich.	From outside 10 Cattle Market to outside 22 Cattle Market.	Harnet Street, Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street, St Barts Road and Woodensbrough Road

Access to supermarket and car park will be maintained.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PRESTON ROAD WINGHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway patching and kerbing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Preston Road Wingham from its junction with Nash Road to its junction with Wenderton Lane on or after 25 March 2008 for an estimated period of 3 Days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Nash Road, A257 Pedding Hill, A257 Gobbery Hill, Preston Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(DEAL ROAD NORTHBOURNE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Deal Road Northbourne from its junction with Broad Lane to its junction with The Street on or after 16 March 2008 for an estimated period of 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Broad Lane, Northbourne Lane and Mill Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(FELDERLAND LANE, WORTH, SANDWICH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new BT ducting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Felderland Lane, Worth, Sandwich from its junction with Deal Road to its junction with Sandwich Road on or after 25 March 2008 for an estimated period of 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Sandwich Road and Deal Road.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
HERON HILL LANE, MEOPHAM & FOXENDOWN LANE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Heron Hill Lane, Meopham from its junction with A227 Wrotham Road for a distance of 600m and Foxendown Lane between its junctions with Camer Park Road and Brimstone Hill.

The Order will become effective on 24th March 2008, for a period of 5 days on each road, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via:

Heron Hill Lane: Carters Hill Lane, A227 Wrotham Road, Whitehill Road and Harvel Lane.

Foxendown Lane: Camer Park Road, Camer Road, Gold Street, Henley Street, Luddesdown Road and Oakenden Road.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate BT Works to renew an Aerial Cable and to carry out desilting works.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
ABBEY ROAD, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Abbey Road, Gravesend between its junctions with Old Road East and Bellman Avenue.

The Order will become effective on 24th March 2008, for a period of 2 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Bellman Avenue, A226 Rochester Road and Old Road East

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate Gas Mains Connection Works on behalf of Southern Gas Networks.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE STREET, MEOPHAM AND ELMFIELD CLOSE, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Meopham between Wrotham Road and Whitehill Road and Elmsfield Close, Gravesend.

The Order will become effective on 10th March 2008, for a period of 2 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via:

The Street - Foxendown Lane, Camer park Road, Green Lane and Wrotham Road.

There is no alternative route for Elmfield Close, however, access will be maintained to properties affected as much as possible.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the preparation for, and the undertaking of, Micro Asphalt Surfacing.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BRENCHEY ROAD, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Brenchley Road, Maidstone between Old Tovil Road and Courtenay Road on or after Monday 10th March 2008 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound traffic via Old Tovil Road, Quarry Road, Brenchley Road and for northbound traffic vice versa.

Kier Partnership Homes apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for a drainage connection. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Bob Rees on 07966 623789.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
CANADA FARM ROAD, HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canada Farm road, Horton Kirby between its junctions with Rabbits Road and Green Street Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 24th March 2008, for a period of up to 10 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Rabbits Road, Wilson Lane, Gill's Road, Green Street Green Road.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate Water Mains Laying Works by Skanska Nicholias.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

A20 FARNINGHAM HILL, FARNINGHAM A20 MAIN ROAD GORSE HILL/LONDON ROAD, FAWKHAM (CYCLEWAY) SCRATCHERS LANE, FAWKHAM (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION & PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst events are being held on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order to:

- Prohibit traffic on A20 Main Road Gorse Hill and London Road on the Cycleway only for a distance of 202m to aid with temporary coning which will be placed in the carriageway to reduce congestion.
- Prohibit traffic on Scratchers Lane Fawkham between its junctions with A20 Main Road Gorse Hill and Three Gates Lane.
- Allow a extra lane to be created on A20 Farningham Hill, Farningham from M25 junction 3 southbound to Dartford Road.
- This Order will also restrict traffic to travelling at a speed not exceeding 30mph on A20 Farningham Hill, Farningham from M25 junction 3 southbound to Brands Hatch Racetrack entrance.

The Order will become effective on 24th March 2008, with restrictions as per schedule 1 in line with relevant events to be held at Brands Hatch racing circuit. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

There are no necessary alternative routes for the routes described above.

The purpose of this Order is to support events being held at Brands Hatch and to endeavour to keep traffic congestion to a minimum.

Schedule 1.	
Road Name	Dates and Times
A20 Farningham Hill, Farningham	From 5am and 12 Midday on: 6th April, 4th Aug, 3rd August, 12th October
A20 Main Road Gorse Hill/London Road, West Kingsdown/Fawkham (Cycleway)	From 12 Midday to 12 Midnight on: 24th and 30th March, 6th April, 4th May, 27th July, 3rd August, 31st August, 21st September, 12th October, 2nd November
Scratchers Lane, Fawkham	From 6am to Midnight on: 3rd August
A20 Farningham Hill, Farningham and A20 Main Road Gorse Hill/London Road, West Kingsdown/Fawkham (Speed Restriction)	For the full 24hrs periods on: 24th and 30th March, 6th April, 4th May, 27th July, 3rd August, 31st August, 21st September, 12th October, 2nd November

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PILGRIMS WAY WEST, OTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pilgrims Way West, Otford between M25 Corssover Bridge and its junction with Ivy House Lane.

The Order will become effective on 24th March 2008, for a period of up to 3 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Otford Road, A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A224 London Road.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the installation of a new cable of behalf of EDF Energy.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
SMITHS LANE, CROCKHAM HILL (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Smiths Lane, Crockham Hill between Oakdale Lane and B269 Kent Hatch Road.

The Order will become effective on 10th March 2008, for a period of 1 week, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

There is no safe alternative route for the route described above. There will be consideration given to residents affected by the works.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the installation of Traffic Calming Measures.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SCHOOL LANE AND BULL HILL (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on School Lane at its junction with Forge Lane and Bull Hill at its junction with Forge Lane and Lombard Street.

The Order will become effective on 10th March 2008, for a period of 6 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via:

School Lane – Churchill Road

Bull Hill – Horton Road and Jacobs Lane

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate Gas Main connection works to be undertaken by Southern Gas Networks.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee,
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**HORTON ROAD, HORTON KIRBY (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Horton Road, Horton Kirby between Station Road and New Road (1), between New Road and East Hill (2) and then between East Hill and Devon Road (3). These sections will be closed individually not together.

The Order will become effective on 10th March 2008, for a period of 6 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via:

- (1) Station Road, Main Road, Cedar Drive, Devon Road, Holmesdale Road.
- (2) New Road, East Hill.
- (3) Holmesdale Road, Paddock Close, East Hill.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate Section 278 Highway works to be undertaken.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**BEECHMONT ROAD, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beechmont Road, Sevenoaks between Brattlewood and Weald Road.

The Order will become effective on 10th March 2008, for a period of 3 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Gracious Lane and Weald Road.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate Water Main renewal works to be undertaken by South East Water.

Highways - District of Shepway**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(ST JOHNS ROAD NEW ROMNEY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because sewer connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on St Johns Road New Romney from its junction with Lydd Road to its junction with West Street on or after 25 March 2008 for an estimated period of 2 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Lydd Road, West Street and St Johns Road

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**(WALNER LANE NEW ROMNEY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new gas main and service connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Walner Lane New Romney from its junction with Fairfield Road to its junction with Rolfe Lane on 10 March 2008 for an estimated period of 4 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Rolfe Lane, Craythorne Lane and Fairfield Road.

Highways - Borough of Swale**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(NEWNHAM LANE, NEWNHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Newnham Lane, Newnham, outside Rolesey on or after Tuesday 25 March 2008 when required for a period of up to 5 working days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound traffic via Faversham Road, North Eastling Road and Eastling Road and for northbound traffic vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are to lay a new gas supply. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Tony Hayes on 01233 614474.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****A229 BLUEBELL HILL, AYLESFORD AND OLD CHATHAM ROAD, AYLESFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting Northbound traffic on Bluebell Hill between the offslip to the Running Horse Roundabout and the Lord Lees Gyrotory System. Old Chatham Road, Aylesford will also be closed at its Northbound slip road onto A229 Bluebell Hill, Aylesford.

The Order will become effective on 24th March 2008, with works taking place from 28th March at 21:00 until 31st March at 05:00, from 4th April at 21:00 until 7th April at 05:00, and the following dates between the hours of 22:00 and 05:00: 31st March, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th April 2008. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the route described above will be via:

The diversion route for traffic heading M20 eastbound between junctions 4 and 6 to exit for A229 northbound at junction 6 shall be: onto A229 roundabout junction with M20 eastbound, exiting at junction 7, A249 Sittingbourne Road, A249 Detling Hill, A249 The Ridgeway on to M2 westbound at junction 5, at M2 junction 3 and ending at its junction with the A229 Bluebell Hill.

The diversion route for traffic heading along the A229 Chatham Road northbound shall be: A229 Running Horse roundabout, M20 eastbound exiting at junction 7, A249 Sittingbourne Road, A249 Detling Hill, A249 The Ridgeway on to M2 westbound at junction 5, exiting at junction 3 and ending at its junction with the A229 Bluebell Hill.

The diversion route for traffic diverted from the M20 eastbound at Junction 4 shall be: A228 Castle Way northbound, A228 Malling Road, A228 Snodland Bypass, A228 Halling Bypass, A228 Fomby Road, A228 Rochester Road, A228 Sundridge Hill, A228 Rochester Road, M2 eastbound, on slip at Junction 2, M2 off slip at Junction 3 for A229 Maidstone Road and ending at its junction with the A229 Maidstone Road.

The diversion route for traffic diverted from the M20 westbound at Junction 7 shall be: A249 Sittingbourne Road, A249 Detling Hill, A249 The Ridgeway, M2 westbound joining at junction 5, exiting at M2 junction 3 and ending at its junction with the A229 Maidstone Road.

The diversion route for traffic diverted from the M20 westbound at Junction 6 for A229 Bluebell Hill northbound shall be:

M20 off slip at Junction 6 for A229 Bluebell Hill, Running Horse Roundabout, Cobtree Roundabout, M20 eastbound exiting at junction 7 for A249, A249 Sittingbourne Road, A249 Detling Hill, A249 The Ridgeway, M2 westbound joining at junction 5, M2 westbound exiting at junction 3 and ending at its junction with the A229 Bluebell Hill.

The diversion route for non-motorway traffic shall be:

Running Horse Roundabout, Sandling Lane, Boxley Road, The Street, Pilgrims Way, Lidsing Road, Westfield Sole Street, Walderslade Woods and ending at its junction with the A229 Maidstone Road roundabout.

The diversion route for traffic for access to Kits Coty shall be:

Running Horse Roundabout, Forstal Road, Lock Lane, Forstal Road, Beddow way, Pratling Street, Rochester Road, Old Chatham Road and ending at its junction with Salisbury Road.

The Diversion route for Old Chatham Road Junction with A229 Bluebell Hill Northbound shall be:

Lower Warren Road, A229 Bluebell Hill south bound, M20 eastbound at J6, M20 exiting at junction 7, A249 Sittingbourne Road, A249 Detling Hill, A249 The Ridgeway, M2 westbound joining at junction 5, M2 westbound exiting at junction 3 and ending at its junction with the A229 Bluebell Hill.

The Diversion route for Old Chatham Road Junction with A229 Bluebell Hill Northbound for non Motorway Traffic shall be:

Lower Warren Road, A229 Bluebell Hill southbound to Cobtree Roundabout, Sandling Lane to Running Horse Roundabout, Boxley Road, The Street, Pilgrims Way, Lidsing Road, Westfield Sole Street, Walderslade Woods Road and ending at its junction with the A229 Maidstone Road roundabout.

The purpose of the closures and restrictions is to facilitate Carriageway reconditioning works for Kent Highway Services.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**TONBRIDGE & MALLING MICRO-ASPHALT (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 10th March 2008, for periods as noted in schedule 1, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in Schedule 1.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the preparation for, and the undertaking of, Micro Asphalt Surfacing.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Location	Length of Closure	Diversion Route
East Street (South), Addington	From Trottscliffe Road to end	3 days	No discernable diversion route
Millhouse Lane, Addington	From Trottscliffe Road to end	3 days	No discernable diversion route
Rectory Lane (South),	From London Road to end	3 days	No discernable diversion route
Butchers Lane Mereworth	From The Street to upper part of Butchers Lane	4 weeks for patching and 5 days for surfacing	Malling Road, Beech Road, Seven Mile Lane, The Street
Water Lane, West Malling	From Lavenders Road to High Street	3 weeks for patching works and 3 days for surfacing	Lavenders Road, Swan Street and High Street

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**HIGH STREET, WOULDHAM (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street Wouldham between Portland Road and Ferry Lane.

The Order will become effective on 10th March 2008, for a period of 1 week, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via: School Lane, Pilgrims Way and Knole Road

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate drainage repair works by Kent Highway Services.

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 31 March 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Tuesday Monday 31 March and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of twelve weeks.

SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
D703 Chantlers Hill, Paddock Wood from Mascalls Court Road to Maidstone Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Westbound traffic via D702 Mascalls Court Road and B2160 Maidstone Road. Eastbound traffic vice versa.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when appropriate signs are displayed.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee,
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP
ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES &
CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Hartlip Place, Place Lane, Hartlip, Sittingbourne
Applicant: Mrs Gillian Yerburgh

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford, Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall
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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL
PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
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MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Grangemoor Hotel, 4-8 St Michaels Road, Maidstone
Applicant: Mr Steven Salt

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Bell Hotel, The Quay, Sandwich
Applicant: Mr Matthew Collins

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Eastwell Park Boat House, Eastwell Park, Ashford
Applicant: Mr Martin Goodman

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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By **STEVE LOADER**

IN the people carrier business, Chrysler's Grand Voyager does the business – literally.

It is an established favourite for airport transfers, hotel courtesy vehicles, corporate events and jobs needing a seven-seat taxi with proper luggage space.

That is in addition to being the benchmark 'family holdall'.

There is an all-new version of the car out now and while its boxy bulk – Chrysler argues that it has "clean, tailored lines" – does not sit quite so well on it as its rather more stylish predecessor, it promises to be even better at carting seven people in comfort rather than the 'five+two' manner of most so-called seven-seat rivals.

Chrysler claims to have introduced more than 30 new or improved features and has carried over the simple yet brilliant 'Stow 'n' Go' seating, allowing all five rear seats to fold flat into underfloor lockers that double as luggage space when the seats are in use.

It is currently the market's only MPV with this benefit and it is so simple to use that the Grand Voyager can be converted from seven-passenger MPV to cargo vehicle in less than 30 seconds.

The system is also now offered with a further tweak dubbed, 'Swivel 'n' Go' allowing the second-row seats to rotate 180 degrees to face the third row, with a removable table for use between the two rows.

Furthermore, upmarket Grand Voyager Limited models include a first for the sector: a one-touch power folding third-row seat.

It all adds to what I call the Grand Voyager's 'Thunderbirds effect': the reason young passengers love Grand Voyagers so much is the array of electrical gadgets, from powered side doors and tailgates to DVD players all worthy of the famous gadget-filled TV series.

The latest model features an optional dual-DVD system so second-row passengers can play a game or enjoy a different film to those watching the third row display.

The car also has the Chrysler Group's impressive MyGIG Multimedia Infotainment System with its ability to read and store CDs

Chrysler's spaceship still a star



as well as link with MP3 players – it has a 20Gb hard drive that can store up to approximately 1,600 songs and pictures.

Commercial operators, and the more practical of mums and dads, will also be interested to hear that the Chrysler Spaceship now has a six-speed auto gearbox for the 193bhp 3.8-litre

V-6 petrol engine and, the likely best-seller, 163bhp 2.8-litre turbodiesel. New Grand Voyager prices range from £25,995-32,995.



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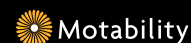
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FIRST GEAR

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Ford's mad March

FORD is underlining its greater commitment to private car buyers with a big sales drive for March.

So, having spent decades favouring the company car/fleet sector only to find it rather fickle recently as 'user choosers' and their bosses go for more premium offerings, the UK's number one brand is getting better at looking after those who seem to care more about its products.

The main plank of its 'Mad March' are free upgrades across the Mondeo (pictured), S-Max and Galaxy ranges – none of them tired models needing of a marketing lift near the end of their production lives.

Indeed, the new Mondeo's all-round

excellence has shown that Ford is serious about challenging German premium brands, while flagship versions of the sporting S-Max and Galaxy MPVs have been the biggest sellers.

However, there are also some good cash incentives and 'specials' such as the feature-packed Fiesta Blue from £8,595, while the heavily revised and now more aggressive looking Focus starts at £11,945.

One of the best deals though is the C-Max family holdall in 1.6-litre Zetec form from £14,495 – an £800 saving with free Bluetooth and voice control, privacy glass, front fogs, air con and 'Quickclear' front windscreen.

Twingo's image injection

RENAULT'S latest addition to the Twingo city car range is a prestigious and racy Renaultsport version.

The Twingo Renaultsport 133's 1.6-litre engine is not turbocharged – don't rule it out for later on – and the French marque seems coy about quoting a 0-62mph sprint time, so don't expect any earth-shattering news on that front.

More important perhaps is the potential injection of adrenalin into a fairly sleepy sales performance from the Renault baby; an image model was desperately needed to catch the eye when the car is so much overshadowed by Fiat's new 500.

Renault has also tried to pitch the car as something of a premium buy, but success may yet lie in bargain versions priced to take advantage of lower labour costs at the car's east European production plant.



Skoda draws a green line



SKODA has launched a version of its all-new Fabia supermini officially capable of averaging around 70mpg.

Kent commuters to London by road will also like the fact that CO2 emissions of just 109g/km of CO2 exempt it from the capital's congestion charge.

The 1.4 TDI Fabia GreenLine – £11,490 and £12,140 in hatch and estate form respectively – achieves this miserly feat through aerodynamic panels fitted beneath the chassis, replacement of the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit and raising the front bumper by 35mm.

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STEVE LOADER**Hyundai i10**

HYUNDAI has ditched the awful Amica in favour of a slicker city car that looks like a clone of the established Picanto from partner brand Kia.

But appearances can be deceptive; the new i10 differs from the Kia by being 30mm longer, 70mm taller and having a small yet significant extra 10mm of wheelbase.

Climb behind the wheel of the i10 and contrasts with the Kia are even sharper; the Picanto performs adequately for a short car where the trade-off between ride quality and chassis dynamics is always a tough call, but the i10 belongs to a class above.

I found myself quite enjoying a punt along country lanes in the car even though the Hyundai squeezes only an extra horse and a smidgen more urge – 65bhp and 0-62mph in 15.6 seconds – from the same 1.1-litre petrol engine from the Picanto line-up.

Okay, it might sound like I'm easily pleased, but it is a whole lot better than being bounced about in some of the other tin boxes at this end of the market.

No wonder then that Hyundai fancies doubling its 5,000 unit volume in this sector.

Worst hit by its ambition is likely to be the Toyota Aygo/Citroën C1/Peugeot 107 jointly produced model, which looks a bit 'toytown' against the i10's 'proper car' proposition.

The car's interior 'space engineering' is impressive, comfort levels are high, it has a proper tailgate rather than a lifting piece of glass and it comes with five doors as standard.

The interior is also well-arranged and quali-

Hyundai's i10 gets slicker in the city



A LITTLE MOVER: Hyundai's i10 is ideal for cash-strapped drivers with a starting price of £6,495 and five-year/unlimited mileage warranty

ty is largely good, although some of the textured trimming looks cheap and the steering wheel feels low rent. The same problem afflicts lower spec i30s and you would have thought that, as the most touched piece of the dashboard, Hyundai could have tried harder.

But that is a small concern when I have not even touched on the big deal for cash-strapped buyers: prices from £6,495, air conditioning as

standard, a potential average of 60mpg and Hyundai's worry-free five-year/unlimited mileage warranty.

And while that will be compelling for many people, I also wonder how many will trade up to the £7,595 Style flagship, which delivers electric windows all round, alloys, heated front seats, powered sunroof, underfloor luggage box and rear spoiler.

As Hyundai rightly points out – just 10 years ago that is the kind of equipment list expected of a car costing at least twice the price.

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DrivingReview

by
STEVE LOADERCHIEF DRIVING CORRESPONDENT
steve.loader@kosmedia.co.uk**Volvo C30**

ALMOST buried within the eclectic mix of Kevin Costner films is *Field of Dreams*.

Costner's Midwest farmer keeps hearing a voice: "Build it and he will come...", and realises this must mean building a baseball field in the middle of his sweet corn – as you would.

Volvo has shown similar blind faith in its C30 Coupé, a design that has nothing to do with painstaking design committees and customer clinics, but everything to do with a concept car cobbled together to demonstrate Volvo's known prowess in safety.

After hearing voices saying "Build it and they will come...", Volvo chiefs asked for a production design using the same styling cues, but the car's rarity suggests the Swedish marque has not scored a home run like Costner's.

Why? I'm not sure. I like the car's styling, but it divides car lovers as football splits Liverpool or Manchester.

Part of the problem is that Volvo tried to create a coupé – hence the car's 'C' prefix – with hatchback versatility; the C30's squared off rear can be crammed when the seats are folded even if the all-glass tailgate restricts access.

Volvo's dream coupé could divide a nation

More than a few people have moaned to me though that they want a coupé that looks like a coupé, even if the C30 is a bargain in those terms with prices from £14,750.

Then you have the opposite argument from the company car 'user chooser' shopping for a versatile premium hatchback and asking what the C30 can do for them that an Audi A3 cannot – and there's no five-door option either.

By this stage, it sounds a bit forlorn to start quoting the heritage and style of that rakish glass tailgate, echoing the 1970s Volvo 1800ES and 1980s 480ES.

And just when I thought 'er indoors might back this week's test car, she summons up that look I dread and pronounces: "God, that car is ugly."

But I just don't see that and there is the C30 problem – a divided nation.

If only the doubters would get behind the wheel, they would soon realise the Swede has much to recommend it: premium badge, distinctive styling, solid build, some great engines, a good driving experience... and rarity value.

The sensible choice is the 2.0-litre diesel that we tested just after the car's rather protracted launch last year – it has power plus economy – but the 'halo model' is the performance star T5 tested here.

It uses a turbocharged five-cylinder 227bhp 2.5-litre Volvo unit that, much to the irritation of Volvo dealers, has been lauded more for being in the Ford Focus ST hot hatch.

But Volvo's parent did at least donate the excellent Focus platform to the C30 in return.

The combination is impressive: the C30 T5 will sprint from 0-60mph in 6.2 seconds and maximum pulling power comes in from low down at 1,500rpm and right up to 5,000 – easily exploited through a crisp six-speed 'box and pin sharp steering.

The front wheels can be made to scabble with that much power, but the T5 is hardly rowdy. The car's level of grip is mostly beyond

criticism and it will eat up rural miles while cruising with refinement on the motorway and being a joy around town.

Of course, fuel consumption is not too PC if you exploit the performance and I found the official 'combined' figure of 32.5mpg fairly laughable, but I cannot think of another coupé that drives as well and comes with some hatchback versatility.

The large glazed area at the rear throws masses of light into the car and suggests that you are driving a bigger and airier vehicle.

The quality of the interior, seats and dashboard layout is impressive and the 'floating' centre console – now a Volvo trademark – enhances 'big car' feel.

However, the boot is smaller than obvious sports hatch rivals and has a fiddly load cover and just two rear seats.

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08 57 FIAT BRAVO 1.9 M-JET SPORT MET GREY	£16,315	£13,995	£2,320
07 07 FIAT GRANDE PUNTO ACTIVE MET SILVER	£7,495	£6,995	£500
07 07 FIATGRANDE PUNTO ACTIVE SPORT MET SILVER	£7,995	£7,495	£500
07 57 FIATGRANDE PUNTO DYNAMIC SPORT AUTO MET BLUE	£9,995	£9,495	£500
07 07 FIATMULTIPLA DYNAMIC PLUS TD MET BLUE	£12,995	£11,995	£1,000
07 07 FIAT MULTIPLA ELEGANZA TD MET BLUE	£13,995	£13,495	£500
07 57 FIAT MULTIPLA ELEGANZA TD MET GOLD	£15,995	£14,995	£1,000
06 06 FIAT PANDA 4X4 MET BLUE	£7,495	£6,995	£500
07 07 FIAT PANDA ELEGANZA MET BLUE	£7,995	£6,995	£1,000
05 55 FIATPUNTO 1.9 JTD ELEGANCE MET BLACK	£6,995	£6,495	£500
05 55 FIAT PUNTO ACTIVE MET BRONZE	£4,995	£4,495	£500
04 04 FIAT PUNTO DYNAMIC DIESEL MET BLUE	£4,795	£4,395	£400

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01 Y MERCEDES A140 ELEGANCE ATOL BLUE METALLIC	£5,495	£4,995	£500
07 07 MERCEDES C180K AVANT-GARDE SE MET BLUE	£19,995	£18,995	£1,000
05 55 MERCEDES C180K AVANT-GARDE SE OBSIDIAN BLACK DUE IN	£15,995		

SAAB SELECTION	WAS	NOW	SAVE
04 04 MERCEDES C180K ELEGANCE SE DARK GREEN	£13,495	£12,995	£500
06 06 MERCEDES C180K SPORT EDITION MET SILVER DUE IN	£16,995		
02 02 MERCEDES C200K AVANT-GARDE SE METALLIC SILVER	£10,995	£9,995	£1,000
04 54 MERCEDES C220CDI AVANT-GARDE SE JASPER BLUE	£16,495	£15,995	£500
05 55 MERCEDES C220CDI ELEGANCE SE MET SILVER	£17,995	£16,995	£1,000
06 06 MERCEDES C220CDI SPORT EDITION DIAMOND BLACK	£20,495	£19,995	£500
06 56 MERCEDES C230K SPORTS COUPE EVO PAN MET BLACK DUE IN	£18,995		
03 53 MERCEDES E320CDI ELEGANCE TEALITE BLUE	£18,995	£17,995	£1,000
04 04 MERCEDES SL55 AMG SILVER	£54,995	£48,995	£6,000

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07 07 SAAB 93 AERO 2.0T CONVERTIBLE ANNIVERSARY ICE BLUE	£28,995	£25,995	£3,000
07 57 SAAB 93 AERO AUTO 2.0T SALOON ANNIVERSARY TITAN GREY	£23,995	£21,995	£2,000
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FABIA HATCH						
07	FABIA 1.2 12V 70BHP SDR HATCH	1372	FLAMENCO RED	£9,660.00	£2,470.00	£7,190.00
57	FABIA 1.2 12V 70BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	FLAMENCO RED	£9,946.00	£1,956.00	£7,990.00
57	FABIA 1.2 12V 70BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	STORM BLUE	£9,920.00	£1,930.00	£7,990.00
57	FABIA 2.1 6 16V 105BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	CORRIDA RED	£10,975.00	£1,985.00	£8,990.00
57	FABIA 3.1 9TD 105BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	SATIN GREY	£13,475.00	£1,985.00	£11,490.00

ROOMSTER MPV						
56	ROOMSTER LEVEL 1.4 16V 85BHP SDR MPV	1615	CORRIDA RED	£10,610.00	£3,620.00	£6,990.00
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 85BHP SDR MPV	2196	STORM BLUE	£12,420.00	£2,930.00	£9,490.00
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 85BHP SDR MPV	TBA	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£13,020.00	£3,030.00	£9,990.00
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 105BHP SDR MPV	3528	ANTHRACITE GREY	£12,350.00	£2,360.00	£9,990.00
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 105BHP SDR MPV	TBA	OCEAN BLUE	£12,590.00	£2,600.00	£9,990.00
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 105BHP SDR MPV	TBA	OCEAN BLUE	£13,140.00	£2,650.00	£10,490.00
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 105BHP SDR MPV	TBA	ANTHRACITE GREY	£13,280.00	£2,790.00	£10,490.00
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 105BHP SDR MPV	TBA	FLAMENCO RED	£13,250.00	£2,760.00	£10,490.00
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 105BHP SDR MPV	TBA	STORM BLUE	£13,980.00	£2,990.00	£10,990.00
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 3.1 16V 85BHP SDR MPV	3218	OCEAN BLUE	£13,430.00	£3,440.00	£9,990.00

OCTAVIA HATCH						
07	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 FSI 150BHP SDR HATCH	3397	SATIN GREY	£15,020.00	£5,030.00	£9,990.00
57	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	DIAMOND SILVER	£15,115.00	£4,125.00	£10,990.00
57	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 TDI 140BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	HIGHLAND GREEN	£16,595.00	£4,605.00	£11,990.00
07	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI 200BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	CORRIDA RED	£18,805.00	£4,815.00	£13,990.00
57	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI 170BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	CORRIDA RED	£20,570.00	£4,280.00	£16,290.00

OCTAVIA ESTATE						
07	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.6 FSI 115BHP SDR ESTATE	6266	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£14,460.00	£3,470.00	£10,990.00
57	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR ESTATE	TBA	STORM BLUE	£16,835.00	£3,845.00	£12,990.00
57	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI 170BHP SDR ESTATE	TBA	RACE BLUE	£21,420.00	£3,930.00	£17,490.00
57	OCTAVIA L&K 2.0 FSI 150BHP AUTO SDR ESTATE	TBA	FLAMENCO RED	£20,380.00	£3,890.00	£16,490.00

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57	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI 5DR HATCH	0	SATIN GREY	£16,135.00	£1,545.00	£14,590.00

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REG MODEL / ENGINE	MILEAGE COLOUR	COST NEW	SAVING	PRICE TO YOU
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FABIA HATCH						
54	FABIA CLASSIC 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	27739	SAHARA BEIGE	£5,990.00	£1,000.00	£4,990.00
56	FABIA CLASSIC 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	8791	ANTHRACITE GREY	£6,990.00	£500.00	£6,490.00
53	FABIA COMFORT 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	10241	LASER BLUE	£5,990.00	£500.00	£5,490.00
04	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 TDI 80BHP SDR HATCH	35313	DIAMOND SILVER	£5,990.00	£500.00	£5,490.00
05	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.2 12V 64BHP HATCH	18889	BLACK MAGIC	£6,490.00	£500.00	£5,990.00
05	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V 100BHP SDR HATCH	27527	CORRIDA RED	£6,990.00	£500.00	£6,490.00
52	FABIA SILVERLINE 1.4 MPI 68BHP SDR HATCH	42537	DIAMOND SILVER	£4,990.00	£500.00	£4,490.00

FABIA ESTATE						
51	FABIA COMFORT 1.9 TDI 100BHP SDR ESTATE	68627	CAYENNE RED	£5,290.00	£800.00	£4,490.00
06	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V 100BHP SDR ESTATE	21073	GRAPHITE GREY	£9,490.00	£1,500.00	£7,990.00

OCTAVIA HATCH						
03	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI 110BHP SDR HATCH	71062	BLACK MAGIC	£5,990.00	£1,000.00	£4,990.00
06	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI 200BHP SDR HATCH	11478	DIAMOND SILVER	£13,990.00	£1,000.00	£12,990.00
07	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI 200BHP SDR HATCH	1117	RACE BLUE	£16,490.00	£1,500.00	£14,990.00

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REG. MODEL / ENGINE	MILEAGE	COLOUR	PRICE
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FABIA HATCH			
05 FABIA CLASSIC 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	23319	NATURE GREEN	£5,990.00
04 FABIA COMFORT 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	34278	DIAMOND SILVER	£5,990.00
55 FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V 100BHP SDR HATCH	22015	CORRIDA RED	£7,990.00

ROOMSTER MPV			
07 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2.1 16V 105BHP SDR MPV	2544	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£9,990.00

OCTAVIA HATCH			
X OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 SDI 68BHP SDR HATCH	98164	CANDY WHITE	£3,490.00
03 OCTAVIA VRS 1.8 20V TURBO 180BHP SDR HATCH	28227	DIAMOND SILVER	£7,290.00

SUPERB SALOON			
03 SUPERB ELEGANCE 2.5 V6 TDI AUTO 4DR SALOON	75274	SENSUAL RED	£7,790.00

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04 04 Suzuki Ignis 1.5 Sport 3Dr Hatchback 24,540 Miles Blue	£4,995
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07 57 Suzuki SX4 1.6 Plus 5Dr Hatchback 4,400 Miles Blue	£9,495
06 56 Suzuki SX4 1.6 Plus 5Dr Hatchback 15,500 Miles Blue	£8,795

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07 57 Suzuki Swift 1.5 GLX 5Dr Hatchback 2,500 Miles Blue	£8,695
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07 57 Suzuki Swift 1.6 Sport 3Dr Hatchback 4,200 Miles Red	£9,995
06 56 Suzuki Swift 1.3 DDIS 5Dr Hatchback 5,785 Miles Blue	£8,795
07 07 Suzuki Swift 1.5 GLX 5Dr Hatchback 7,000 Miles Blue	£8,295
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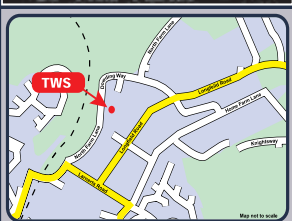
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147 1.6, T Spark, 2001, red, 50685 miles, £3595, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

156, 1.8 T Spark, 2000 (v), 2000/v, 67759 miles red, 4 door saloon, pas, abs, air bag, passenger air bag, electric sunroof, alloy wheels, remote central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, service history, alarm, immobiliser, stereo, metallic burgandy, only £2795, Riviera Car Sales, Folskote, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

156, 1.8 T Spark, 2000, red, 67759 miles, £2195, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

AUDI

A2, SE 5dr, climate control, remote alarm, remote central locking, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, abs, twin air bags, adjustable steering column, retractable headrests, anti-theft system, folding rear seats, cloth upholstery, rear headrests, radio cassette, uk, specification, uk supplied, 16" alloys, aluminium silver, 66440 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A3, SE, central locking, immobiliser, air conditioning, electric windows, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, colour coded body, head restraints, electric mirrors, alcantara leather, stereo, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, 17" alloys, blue, 52000 miles, £6999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A4, Sport, ao4cab, remote central locking, remote alarm, full leather, centre armrest, electric seats, sports seats, xenon headlamps, rear spoiler, abs, air bag, traction control, power steering, multi-function steering wheel, cruise control, adjustable steering column, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, cd player, radio, alloy wheels, rare and unusual car 'phone for further details', yellow, 48795 miles, £16995, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

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ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, blenheim silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £49950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795 426700 (TRADE)

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318, 2003, mauritus blue, 25478 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

320 2.0, TD SE, 2004, black, 48754 miles, £11495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

5 SERIES, 525se auto, 2004, mystic blue met with grey leather, 24800 miles, £14650, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795 426700 (TRADE)

CADILLAC

CTS, 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 23279 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795 426700 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

KALOS, 1.4 SX 5dr, 11/03/2005, cd player driver airbag red, 17094 miles, £4999, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, 24637, finished in poly silver with grey, 0 miles, £5995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, SX 1.6, 16637, denim blue with black interior manual, £7995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light state gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795 426700 (TRADE)

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C2, 1.4i SX 3dr, 2007, 1.4i ax 3dr hatch, wicked red, 6354 miles, £7495, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C2, 1.6i 16V VTS 3dr, 2007, 3dr hatch, arctic steel, 4563 miles, £9795, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1i Cachet 3dr, 2008, arctic steel, 1000 miles, £7995, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

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DAEWOO WUBIRA 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se met july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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TACUMA, CDX 1998cc 5 door, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels electric windows, met blue, 85000 miles, £2995, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

DAIHATSU HI JET, 11 1999, 1.3 efi drop side truck 49,000 miles ex council, £2250, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

GRAND MOVE, v328ch, immobiliser, cloth upholstery electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TERIOS, 1.3 Sport Station Wagon 5d 1298cc, 05 2005, power assisted steering, twin srs airbags, cd radio system, roof spoiler, side opening rear door, £6795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

FIAT

GRANDE PUNTO, prE reg, 3doors, cd player, blue tooth technology, i-pod connection, body kit, alloys, fantastic value call dean or mark, red, delivery miles, £6995, Medway Autos, Kent, 01634 388887 (TRADE)

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GRANDE PUNTO, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, tinted glass, trip computer, metallic paint, orange, 14500 miles, £6995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear headrests, rear armrest, remote locking, side airbags, insurance group 2, black, 20000 miles, £5494, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

FORD

FIESTA, Style 1.4 Tdci, 2006, moon dust silver with charcoal special trim, 25000 miles, £6995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Style 1.4i, 2005, moon dust silver with charcoal high velour, 33000 miles, £6394, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762473 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 ztec, 2005, moon dust silver with black / charcoal, 32700 miles, £5495, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Tdci New model, 2005, 40000 miles, £6495, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia 5dr, 22/03/2006, cd player abs leather hood cover driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 23270 miles, £7999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 2.0 ST 3dr (2005 - 2005), 01/12/2005, cd player abs alarm power steering immobiliser electric windows, red, 30040 miles, £7499, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.4 TDCI Style 5dr [Climate] (2008 -), 15/12/2006, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, purple, 3681 miles, £8999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

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6, TS1 Tdi 143ps, 2005, grey metallic with black, 25000 miles, £9995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

6, TS D 143, 2006, grey metallic with charcoal, 31000 miles, £10495, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

626, 2.0 GXi, 1998, insurance group 10 drivers airbag power steering central locking front electric windows, classic red, 71000 miles, £1789, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

DEMIO, Aegean 5dr, immobiliser, power steering, cloth upholstery, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, stereo, aluminium silver, 5000 miles, £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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ALMERA, Tino SE 5dr, gv54 cva, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, twin air bags, electric sunroof, cd player, radio, air conditioning, climate control, abs, power steering, trip computer, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, red, 21200 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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207, S, 12111434256, air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, trip computer, aluminium, 9693 miles, £7395, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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207, S, 12111767256, air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, trip computer, aegian blue, 3984 miles, £8495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

207, S, 12111993256, air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, trip computer, iron grey, 11415 miles, £8495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

207, S, 12112083256, air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, trip computer, iron grey, 8691 miles, £8495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, 2006 Expression 1.4 16v 3dr, 2006, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, monaco blue, 0 miles, £6795, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

CLIO, Expression 1.4 5dr, 2006, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, tempst, 11000 miles, £7795, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

CLIO, New Clio Dynamique S 1.4 3dr, 2005, tempst, 9000 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

CLIO, Dynamique 1.2 5dr, 2004, trim: cloth extreme blue, 17000 miles, £5095, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

CLIO, New Clio Dynamique S 1.4 3dr, 2006, tempst, 18000 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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SUZUKI

SUZUKI JIMNY J1X, 09/2000, 1.2 p auto 4x4 estate red 45,000 miles, £2495, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

ALTO, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr, 54/2005, pas central locking electric windows, bright red, 15,000 miles, £3995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ALTO, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr, 05/2005, pascentral locking electric windows, black, 37,000 miles, £3995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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CORSA, 1.0 12V Envoy 3dr, 03/07/2000, power steering immobiliser, silver, 57463 miles, £2299, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

CORSA, Design 1.4 Automatic, 2004, blue met, 14900 miles, £5995, CB Motors, Tonbridge, 01850 765011 (TRADE)

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'Never have universities and colleges been more important'

By **TONY PATEY**

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FURTHER and higher education – especially in Kent – has a major opportunity to grasp the new “university challenge” of getting business involved in shaping courses.

John Denham, Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills, is so keen to

highlight this area as a shining example of an education-business growth node, he chose it as the backdrop to reveal a new UK-wide initiative.

He unveiled plans for a huge expansion of higher education in the UK, creating 20 or more new campuses over the next six years at a cost of £150 million and providing study places for up to 10,000 additional students.

Many of the campuses are to be based in areas of high unemployment which are in need of regeneration, meaning that university growth will be vital to the strengthen-

ing of regional economies and the provision of highly skilled workers.

And he said Universities at Medway – in the centre of the Thames Gateway growth area – is a shining example of how higher education can help transform a region's economy and workforce.

Mr Denham was in Medway on Monday for a tour of the campus at Chatham Maritime, which is shared between the universities of Greenwich, Kent and Canterbury Christ Church, plus Mid Kent College.

He said: “Universities at Medway shows us just how many people, of all ages, have been able

to retrain and develop their talents – proving that if the opportunity for education exists, there is no limit to what can be achieved.

“Never have universities and colleges been more important to our country – both nationally, in ensuring our success on the world stage, and locally, through the creation of jobs and new skills, driving regeneration and enriching cultural life.”

Mr Denham's visit came as local and national initiatives were unveiled in the wake of trying to plug vital skills gaps and getting businesses more involved in post-secondary education.

Enterprise hub cuts mustard with Dijon visitors

A HIGH-level fact-finding delegation from Burgundy in France visited the Sittingbourne Enterprise Hub (SEH) based at Kent Science Park (KSP) recently as part of a tour of top European business centres.

A research and development hub, known in France as a Technopole, focusing on helping agricultural and environment technology companies is planned for Dijon, and Burgundy's senior economic development leaders came to Kent to see how it can be achieved.

The four-strong delegation, led by Jacques Brossier, senior project manager for the new technopole, was eager to visit the hub – part of the SEEDA-sponsored regional business support network – after Dr John Dodd, director of the Sittingbourne Enterprise Hub, visited Dijon.

Mr Brossier said: “Dr Dodd's recent visit to Dijon helped stimulate the development of the concept of the new Technopole. Our return trip was an opportunity to learn more about Kent's experience in growing technology companies.”

“Kent has a similar agenda for encouraging agro-industrial and environmental technologies and the meeting was an opportunity to learn from each other.”

The French delegation was joined by representatives from SEEDA, Business Link Kent (Sustainability), Medway Enterprise Hub, Food Enterprise Hub and SEH/KSP.

Dr Dodd said: “The French team was partic-



VISITORS: The French delegation was impressed by the range of support the Sittingbourne Enterprise Hub offers growing businesses

ularly impressed with the range of support on offer to growing businesses and how that integrates well on small and large science parks or

incubators in Kent and beyond.”

James Speck, site director at Kent Science Park, added: “This event has successfully built

upon the strong cross-Channel relations between Kent and other regions in France and further collaboration is envisaged.”

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BUSINESS BRIEFS**Designer adds zest to popular gastro pub**

DESIGNER Lynne Pearce, who specialises in major events, including celebrity bashes for A list celebs, has just helped with a refurbishment of The Lime Tree on the Square at Lenham.

The Lime Tree, which dates back to the 14th century, has launched its recently renovated hotel rooms, to complement its already well established and popular restaurant.

Head chef and co-owner Steve Feigenspan said: "The restaurant has won a number of awards and this is an area we will consider in the future. However, for now we have opted to let the food speak for itself."

Solicitors to hold free breakfast seminar

LEADING east Kent law firm, Girlings Solicitors, is holding a free breakfast seminar on the subject of disciplinary and grievance procedures on 12 March.

The seminar, organised in conjunction with Kent Invicta Chamber, takes place at Canterbury Christ Church University campus in Broadstairs.

Seminars will also be held on March 19 at Ashford International Hotel and April 2 at CCC University Hall Place Campus in Canterbury.

Bookings can be made online at www.kentinvtachamber.co.uk or the booking hotline on 01233 503838.

Unannounced tax team visits cancelled

CHARTERED accountants and business advisors, Baker Tilly, reports that the tax people have effectively backed down from a proposal for unannounced home visits by the tax team.

The firm, which has branches in Tunbridge Wells and Bromley, says such visits will now not be possible without the taxpayer's consent, unless the home is also used for business purposes, in which case access will only be permitted to the business part of the property, such as the office.

More business news online

www.businessforkent.co.uk**£5m hygiene boost**

A £5 MILLION cash package from a leading bank has helped an Erith company gear up to meet growing demand in Europe.

Allied Hygiene Group, a South East manufacturer and distributor of hygiene wipes, has bought new premises in Erith for £4.88m with the support from NatWest Commercial Banking's Thames Gateway team.

Director Mark Blackhall told KoS that the new three acre-site for manufacturing and storing in Centurian Way would help accommodate the firm's growth in the UK and the rest of Europe.

When formed in 1986, Allied Hygiene had just a small ware-

house in Dartford and supplied commercial and industrial companies with janitorial supplies and washroom disposables.

Today, the company is a £25 million concern and has expanded to manufacturing and distributing paper and hygiene wipes to a nationwide network of distributors.

Tony Knowles, associate director at NatWest Commercial Banking in Thames Gateway said: "Allied Hygiene Group's growth over the past years has been extremely impressive.

"The business is a market leader in its industry and with the UK and Europe presenting further



ON A ROLL: Staff from Allied Hygiene with members of NatWest Commercial Banking's Thames Gateway team, at the company's new premises in Erith

opportunities to support its continued growth. I am pleased to have assisted the management team with their latest acquisition and wish them well with their new premises at Erith."

The renovation game

Tax and planning changes make job easier

By **TONY PATEY**tony.patey@kosmedia.co.uk

NOW is the best time ever for people building their own homes or renovating – associated VAT has been cut and planning rules have been relaxed.

BuildStore, which claims to be the country's leading self build and renovation specialist, says Kent has always attracted self builders and people wanting to convert barns and oast houses – and now things are much easier and the marketplace is better catered for.

And, of course, self builders pay stamp duty on only the cost of the plot of land, not on the building costs – which can save literally tens of thousands.

Following the recent relaxing of planning permission rules in the Government's Planning Reform Bill, VAT on the cost of works and materials used to renovate properties that have been empty for a minimum of two years has been cut from 17.5 per cent to just five per cent.

Previously, this discount only applied to properties unoccupied for three years or longer.

A BuildStore spokeswoman said: "This is a further incentive for people considering doing

up a substandard property, whether to create their own des-res, or for would-be landlords or developers looking to make a profit.

"And with a greater choice of mortgages geared specifically to people carrying out renovations, BuildStore is expecting a huge take-up.

"There are several obvious attractions to self building or renovating a substandard property. One is that for those worried about the spectre of negative equity, a way of avoiding this trap is to make sure that your home costs considerably less to buy than its estimated final value.

"Home owners going this route, typically make between 25 and 35 per cent profit just by finishing the project."

BuildStore recently launched its competitively-priced Intelligent Finance two-year fixed offset mortgage, for people who are renovating a tired and dated property, or carrying out improvements on their existing home.

This latest incentive for homebuyers could help thousands of people to secure a home they want at a price they can afford.

John Hay, head of financial services marketing, said: "The Government is finally addressing the acute housing shortage and initiatives like the Planning Reform Bill and the reduction of VAT on properties empty for two years will pave the way for a significant

number of people to find homes. It all adds up to a very attractive picture for renovators."

Renovation opportunities, the vast majority of them empty, can be found on BuildStore's online database, www.plotsearch.co.uk.

BuildStore's Self Build & Renovation Show is being held at the National Self Build & Renovation Centre in Swindon until today.

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**BUSINESS BRIEFS****Pfizer funding to give IT boost to health services**

COMMUNITY, health and environmental groups and organisations across Kent can purchase new IT equipment and training thanks to the Pfizer £25,000 Computers for the Community Fund.

The world's largest research-based pharmaceutical company has made IT grants to 26 Kent community groups including Dover Cruise Bereavement Service, the Shaw Trust, Sandwich District Guides Association, East Kent Mencap, Folkestone Youth Project, Medway Health Action Charity and the Thanet Voluntary and Community Forum.

The grants were made by the company from a fund set up to mark the approval for its new HIV medicine, Celsentriq (maraviroc), developed at the Pfizer European Research and Development HQ at Sandwich.

The fund also presented a £1,000 grant to Kent Search and Rescue which provides countywide support for emergency services and local councils tracing Kent people who have been reported missing.

The £25,000 grant funding was made available by recycling redundant IT equipment at the healthcare company's Kent research and development centre.

iPod Nano prize for the best e-card design

SOUTH East Business Link, which offers free and impartial information and advice to budding entrepreneurs, has devised an innovative way of reaching out to the region's young brains.

It has launched a competition offering them the chance to win one of three iPod Nanos. It is calling for anyone aged 30 and under to design an e-card online illustrating how they would like to be marketed to.

The competition is open to anyone using social networking sites Facebook, MySpace or Bebo – widely used by thousands of young people to communicate with each other and make new contacts.

Applicants must ask Warren Ralls of Business Link to be their friend, join the competition group, and then add their idea to the wall. Deadline is March 31.

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Mobile operator in sync with emerging markets

By **TONY PATEY**tony.patey@kosmedia.co.uk

SYNCHRONICA plc, international provider of mobile email and synchronization services, has raised an additional £2 million to further fund a strong sales pipeline in emerging markets.

This latest placing of new shares, to institutional and private investors, is in addition to an investment by Lanstead Capital CP in January and brings new money pumped into the company already this year to £3.9m.

Expand

The extra capital will be used primarily to expand the Tunbridge Wells-based firm's sales and support functions in emerging markets including Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The Tunbridge Wells-based firm – featured in the KOS Media Business in February – has just done a deal with Miami-based

Brightstar Corp to promote Synchronica's award-winning mobile push email and synchronization technology Mobile Gateway across six continents.

Mobile Gateway 3.5 works with more than three billion of the phones in use around the world today – both Smartphones and mass-market devices – making it ideal for emerging markets where low-cost handsets represent the vast majority of devices.

The firm's Mobile Backup, which offers a backup and restore service for personal information stored on devices, is also ideal for these emerging markets because the mobile phone is increasingly becoming the primary tool of choice for social and business contact information in these areas.

Information specialist Informa predicts there will be 4.81 billion mobile phone sub-

scribers by 2012, with most of the next billion subscribers coming from emerging markets, where PC and fixed-line penetration is low and consumers rely on their mobile phones for communication.

Carsten Brinkschulte, Synchronica's chief executive officer, said: "This new round of funding allows us to continue to strengthen our efforts in emerging markets. We have a robust pipeline of prospects in these regions and a first-rate solution that truly offers mobile email for everyone, regardless of which phone they use."

"With these funds, and our recent strategic partnership with Brightstar, we are well positioned to offer mobile operators a 'Blackberry for the rest of us'."

Apart from headquarters in Kent, the firm has a development centre in Germany and presences in the USA, Hong Kong, and Dubai. It is a company traded on the AIM (Alternative Investment Market) list, a sub-market of the London Stock Exchange.

Charity gives homeless chance to work

HOMELESSNESS and business aren't usually linked together, but bring in ex-hostage Terry Waite and a vision for the Medway area and they make sense.

Mr Waite is UK boss of the Emmaus charity, the national umbrella organisation of the worldwide movement, and a new community is on the cards for the area.

Its objective is to get the group up to break-even point within three years of opening.

Emmaus runs special communities for homeless people who, when they join, become 'companions' and stop claiming income support and instead work full-time in the group's business.

They learn new skills and get work experience and in

turn this gives them renewed self-respect and dignity.

The embryo Medway Community was launched by Mr Waite last year and has just drawn up budgets and a business plan detailing action strategies. The aim is to be a net contributor to the local economy with an annual turnover of £300,000.

The community would be self-supporting primarily collecting, refurbishing and selling donated furniture and household goods – but they are choosy because they have to sell on. It's a business.

Its recycling operations fit in well with local and national targets and reduce landfill waste. It is also helping homeless people get back on

their feet, offering permanent accommodation and work.

People become homeless for a range of reasons – meet 30 homeless people and you'll get 30 different reasons.

Medway's trustees are now looking for a suitable site for the community and to raise the necessary funds – they are also seeking a shop, and are about to set up an office thanks to local firm, mhs homes.

There are other organisations catering for the homeless in the area – such as Ashdown Medway Accommodation Trust, Hope Kent and The Cyrenians – but there is still a big need for help, and Emmaus offers a different approach.

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They answered a questionnaire on its care, welcome, staff attitudes, hygiene, food and accommodation.

Independent analysis showed an "exceptional level of satisfaction" – 97 per cent rated their satisfaction with quality of care as excellent or very good.

Hospital director Ken Hesketh said: "Inpatient numbers are up by 12 per cent and even higher for outpatients."

"We are opening our doors to more NHS patients through the Choose and Book scheme and hope to expand those numbers over the next few years."

Newsreader to swap autocue for the kitchen

MERIDIAN TV's Jeff Moody is swapping his microphone for a saucepan – and opening a Kentish restaurant.

For four years he's been Meridian Tonight's 'And Finally Man', but now he is going for a different bill.

Mr Moody bought Elvey Farm in Pluckley last year, and converted it into a guesthouse. Now he's turned its 16th century barn into a restaurant.

It will serve typically Kentish food with wine from Biddenden and Chapel Down vineyards.

Medical firm buyout to pump up profits

MEDICAL pump manufacturer Watson-Marlow has taken over Flexicon A/S – a Danish maker of peristaltic aseptic filling systems – for around £14 million.

But Flexicon's UK customers will continue to deal direct with its existing distributor, Maidstone-based Pak Machinery.

Watson-Marlow, part of Spirax-Sarco Engineering, claims to be the world's largest manufacturer of peristaltic tube pumps for biotech, pharmaceutical and process applications.

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Companies struggling to keep up with green issues

By **TONY PATEY**tony.patey@kosmedia.co.uk

FOUR out of five senior UK executives say climate change is a significant business issue, but the same number admit they don't have a strategy in place to fight it.

Latest research by YouGovStone, on behalf of KPMG Carbon Advisory Group, reveals many business leaders are struggling with the issue – 77 per cent said it will grow in importance – but they are at odds how to tackle it.

Impact

However, two out of five executives claimed to have a good understanding of the impact of climate change on their organisation, and a further 17 per cent know their organisation's carbon footprint and have a clear strategy in place.

But less than one in ten (seven per cent) knew the UK had committed to cut 60 per cent of green house gas emissions by 2050. Latest Government figures showed that carbon emissions fell just 0.1 per cent in 2006, highlighting the size of the challenge facing everyone.

The results also revealed that an increasing

number of UK executives did not think the Government was doing enough to educate business on how to tackle climate change. In the last six months this view jumped from 42 per cent to 58 per cent.

But results revealed that climate change hadn't made it onto the board agenda of a third of those questioned and a fifth stated it was not likely to become something discussed at board level in the near future.

Adrian Wilcox, partner for KPMG's Carbon Advisory Group in the South East, said: "By taking simple steps and gathering basic energy and emissions data, a business is less likely to be caught out by legislation when it does come, and they could be cutting wastage and energy bills in the meantime."

Nearly three quarters agree that education to increase awareness amongst businesses is the key to combating climate change.

Mr Wilcox said: "Anyone who asked an executive about last quarter's turnover or profit

would expect a quick and accurate response.

"Knowing your carbon number is rapidly becoming a key performance indicator that employees, regulators and shareholders demand accuracy and assurances on."

When asked about the challenges around implementing carbon management strategies, getting buy in from employees is the biggest hurdle according to a quarter, closely followed by influencing partners and suppliers to adopt more carbon efficient practices.

However, three quarters of businesses are recycling or using recycled products, two out of three are using energy efficient appliances, and more than a half claim to be educating their employees about environmentally friendly business practices.

Celebrating young apprentices

NATIONAL Apprenticeship Week was held last week, celebrating programmes across the country and encouraging more businesses, organisations and young people to take up a variety of opportunities.

Kent County Council, which runs its own apprenticeship programme, is hoping to get the rest of the county's public sector linked into the scheme and initial discussions have taken place with district councils and Kent Police.

Later this year the programme will be rolled out to private sector employers across Kent. They will be able to find out about the programme and the benefits apprentices can bring to their organisation, also ensuring that the young people of Kent have the right opportunities to reach their potential.

Within KCC 111 young people have started on the Kent Success Programme – part of KCC's Kent Apprenticeship Programme.

It is aimed at 16 to 19-year-olds who want to gain a qualification while they are working and who have shown an interest in

**LEARNING: KCC apprentice, Stefan Ford**

starting their career within the public sector. They are undertaking apprenticeships in childcare, health and social care, customer service, business and administration and catering.

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Q How do you relax?

A I don't – ever. I have too much fun with my family, friends and business. I also enjoy sport and am a Crystal Palace and England football fan, which can hardly be described as relaxing. My other great passion is fishing which I do regularly at Bewl Water and elsewhere around the world.

Q What future projects have you got on the drawing board?

A Obviously the upgrading of The Hop Farm, Bewl Water and our other major developments in Kent are our principal focus. I am also in the process of developing a large diamond concession we own in West Africa. We are also purchasing another large agricultural estate in the county to extend the production of food and wines.

Q What's the latest with The Hume-Kendall Foundation?

A I set up the foundation with Desmond Wilcox more than 19 years ago. It is privately funded and provides bursaries for children whose parents die whilst they are at school. It has also supported schools with the building and purchasing of new capital assets and infrastructure projects. We've also recently agreed to act as private sponsor for Tunbridge Wells High School's bid to obtain special status as a business school centre of excellence. This is the only area in which I use my title Lord Aldeburgh.

APART from the attractions already mentioned, Simon Hume-Kendall has a spread ranging from The Swan at Lamberhurst to Smart & Simple Hotels in Tunbridge Wells, not to mention being the chairman of trustees of Clydesdale Bank (Kent & Surrey), and the Tunbridge Wells Conservatives.

Mr Hume-Kendall is also the Lord of Aldeburgh, although he doesn't use the title nor exercise any of his powers on his land in Suffolk, apart from, as you will read later, one aspect.

Locally born and bred, he went to school at Holmewood House at Langton Green. His father, a gold medal Commonwealth Games swimming champion, died when he was just 14 and his younger brothers 12 and seven. All went on to be great achievers.

Here, the man who says his greatest achievement is his family, talks to KOS Media:

Q Why did you go to Lloyds after studying history at Kings College, London?

A I went to Lloyds as I was always interested in becoming a ship owner and was offered a job to join the Sedgwick Group, the then largest Marine Insurance Broker. That gave me entrée into the ship-owning business, where I

met the famous Kendall Chen, who has since become the largest gas tanker owner in the world. Kendall became my best friend and was also best man at my wedding in 1977.

Q What made you cut ties with big business when you bought Lamberhurst Vineyard?

A I didn't cut ties, I merely retired from my international executive duties. With three young children growing up, I knew I would barely see them if I continued with my travel schedule, which involved being away for at least six months a year.

I still have interests in shipping, banking, construction and the media, and have since localised my executive responsibilities. At this time I remain ambassador to Clydesdale Bank, Kent, and chairman of Sport Media Group Plc, as well as chairing and sitting on the board of a number of organisations.

Q How did the English Wine Group come about?

A We bought Lamberhurst Vineyard after it had gone into bankruptcy. It was founded by Kenneth McAlpine, who then sold it to a local builder. Our first step was to employ Frazer Thompson, who we were lucky to persuade to join us as MD as he was one of Heineken's youngest directors.

We then took English Wines Plc to the public in 2003 and raised a further £2 million for the business.

In 2004 we brought in Nigel Ray and Richard Balfour-Lynn – bosses of such esteemed enterprises as Hotel Du Vin, Domino's Pizza, Liberty's, Saracen's Rugby Club and The Trocadero – who together invested a further £2m. I have retired from English Wine's board and left it in their capable hands, but we have retained a significant interest in the company.



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Interest in Kings Hill to get bigger

By **TONY PATEY**

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HIGH levels of interest mean that 2008 could easily follow a great 2007 for Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust UK.

The firm reports that around 80,000 sq ft of property transactions have been completed on the business park.

Major deals include the completion of a 43,717sq ft build-to-suit headquarters for Cabot Financial (Europe) Ltd, and the leasing of 13,659sq ft to conveyancing search service SearchFlow.

Interest

The majority of space in the new, speculative office building 42 Kings Hill Avenue has been let and there has been a high level of lease renewals and assignments. A further 75,000sq ft is currently under negotiation.

"2007 was a good year for Kings Hill and, judging by the level of interest we are receiving from companies wanting to move here, this year should be an exciting one too," said Andrew Blevins, managing director of Liberty Property Trust UK.

"Our flexibility means we can accommodate



NEARING CAPACITY: Most of the office space at 42 Kings Hill building has been leased

businesses as their needs change, as demonstrated by building brand new offices for Cabot when it outgrew its existing space here."

Kings Hill's success is borne out by recent research from Knight Frank that the south east sector of the M25 corridor has the lowest vacancy rate of the whole region.

Much of the vacant space at Kings Hill is a result of occupiers moving elsewhere on the park.

Current availability includes 20,600 sq ft in the new, speculative building 42 Kings Hill Avenue; 18,000 sq ft recently vacated by Cabot

in the Flex building, 10 Kings Hill Avenue; 14,414 sq ft in the office village and 4,644 sq ft in headquarters building, 30 Tower View.

Around 100 businesses, ranging from international and national corporates to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), are based at Kings Hill, employing a total of 5,000.

As well as a business park, Kings Hill is a thriving community, with around 4,000 people living in the residential village. One in seven Kings Hill households has a person employed by one of the companies located there.

There is a good range of shops, restaurants,

a pub and coffee shop in Liberty Square, together with usual high street amenities such as a dry cleaners, post 'n' packing warehouse, florist, hairdressers, chemist, gallery and gift shop, opticians, dentist, vet, estate agents and recruitment agency which serve both the business and residential communities at Kings Hill.

A 90,000 sq ft David Lloyd Leisure racquets, health and fitness club opened in 2006 and there is also an 18-hole PGA golf course, a day nursery and University of Greenwich conference centre.

American-owned Liberty says the US inspired concept at Kings Hill aims to promote quality of life and provide a unique environment in which people can live, work, play and study.

Knight Frank, CB Richard Ellis and Altus Edwin-Hill are the agents for Kings Hill. For more information on Kings Hill visit www.kings-hill.com.

Anyone interested in finding out more about available space should contact Caroline Binns, associate director, marketing & leasing, on 01732 223 426.

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Dress sensibly and watch your profile

How to impress prospective employers

By **TONY PATEY**tony.patey@kosmedia.co.uk

IT'S GETTING hot if you try to be too cool before applying for a job, according to experts.

They say online social networking and too-casual clothes could spell disaster – and even put the mockers on a promotion.

We all know that wearing jeans and comedy ties to job interviews mean you might as well not bother, but bosses also notice these things when looking at promotion prospects.

And employers are only a few clicks away from finding out from Facebook and MySpace what you did the weekend before you go for an interview, and

when thinking if you are suitable to go up the career ladder.

According

to a survey by Reed Employment, which has a number of branches in Kent, jeans and comedy ties are definitely banned from most offices, and nearly a half of workers wear at least smart casual every day.

Two out of every five wear formal office attire such as suits, and the majority of people questioned felt that dressing smartly will advance their careers, with 51 per cent believing it will help them win a promotion.

Office workers seemed to like their work uniforms – 37 per cent ticked the box – believing it created a separation from their office and home lives. The same proportion said they felt proud to wear a uniform as it represented their company's brand image.

Only 16 per cent stated they are unaffected by what they wear to work, and just one per cent said they felt uncomfortable in their work clothing.

We are not a rebellious lot either – 90 per cent of respondents said they strictly adhere to their work dress codes every day. However, some casual elements have crept into work dress codes – wearing a tie is no

longer the norm in most offices, with 61 per cent of men stating they never wear ties, 20 per cent wear a tie only for business meetings, with only one per cent wearing one every day.

'Dress down Fridays' are popular and a third of respondents claimed their company had a policy in place to allow more casual wear on Fridays.

But putting your personal life on view on the internet could be either damaging or positive, depending on how you project yourself. Badenoch & Clark, an international consultancy, said it was routine for recruiters to check out social networking sites.

Two thirds said the information they found there influenced a recruitment decision, and a quarter said they had changed their minds and decided not to hire someone because of what they had found out.

Andy Powell, a director at the firm, said: "More employers are taking note of 'net reputation' so it is right to be a bit careful. But at its best, a good profile page can show a broad network of friends and interests, creativity and good internet skills."





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UNIVERSITY of Kent's new business IT Clinic at its Medway campus provides high-quality, low-cost support, and training and consultancy to small and medium-sized enterprises across the county.

The clinic is a unique set-up, as all its consultants are undergraduate computing students at the university, whose work is mentored and supervised by experienced co-ordinators.

Many of the students – who can also advise on computer troubleshooting, mobile phone development and website management – have gained industrial and consulting experience through placements at major organisations including IBM, Microsoft and Lehman Brothers.

The work also forms an essential part of their final degree programmes. The



clinic was recently-awarded Technology Enterprise Kent's Enterprise and Training Award for Excellence.

Students from the clinic have also helped the Medway Learning Partnership develop a new website aimed at adult learners, and have run a series of workshops in Rochester aimed at helping businesses make the most of their IT and internet facilities.

BEEN there, done it – got the qualification. Seven employees of Queenborough's Aesica pharmaceutical company have now got certificates to show they successfully completed a two-week course in health and safety.

All qualified workers are now facilitators within their departments – chemical operations, warehousing, packaging, engineering, manufacturing and quality control. Our picture shows the



happy qualifiers with Ian Davies, (right), the firm's environment, health and

safety manager, and site operations director Simon Clough (left).



LEADING regional law firm Thomson Snell & Passmore has continued to expand its private client group by welcoming Martin Terrell (pictured) as a partner to the firm.

Mr Terrell has expertise in Court of Protection and specialises in the fields of probate and elderly client work. Having read law at Durham University and qualified in 1991, he is a well-known author on the Court of Protection and mental capacity.

He has lectured and written on Court of Protection and elderly client matters, especially for Elderly Client Adviser; he is the author of A Practitioner's Guide to the Court of Protection (Tottel) and a joint editor and contributor to the Law Society's Elderly Client Handbook.

Mr Terrell is also joint vice chairman of Solicitors for the Elderly and a member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners. He has also acted as a panel receiver (deputy) for the Court of Protection and was a member of the former Public Guardianship Office Professional Receiver's Forum.

Thomson Snell & Passmore is a regional law firm with 35 partners and more than 200 staff at its offices in Tunbridge Wells and the Thames Gateway.

Companies pay price for illness

EMPLOYEE sickness costs business an average of £600 per year per employee – a staggering figure.

Now, following a recent trial by two Marden-based companies – refuse vehicle manufacturer Scarab and Water (for Work and Home), the home and office water supplier – businesses are being urged to provide instant health checks for their workers for just £30 per head.

The health checks come courtesy of a new so-called Water Wellpoint, a free-standing kiosk that discreetly checks weight, heart rate, blood pressure, body mass index, body fat content and hydration quota in about five minutes.

The check provides a personal print out of the results along with a confidential company employee health report.

Ben McGannan, managing director of Marden based Water (for Work and Home) said: "With employee wellbeing moving up the corporate agenda fast, and after all the indulgences of Christmas, now is the perfect time to initiate an exercise like this."

"As Stephen Bevan, director of research at the Work Foundation Think Tank, recently said, 'Organisation culture has to change to promote better wellbeing rather than continuing to adopt a reactive approach to sickness'."

The health check is appropriate for all staff – from the factory floor to the board room – and Water (for Work and Home) will deliver and set up the kiosk, attend it throughout the day and provide supporting literature, helping employees to make their own health improvement decisions.

Mr McGannan continued: "Clearly prevention is better than cure and employers can benefit from adopting an employee wellbeing programme in a number of ways, from improved staff retention, attendance and productivity, to reductions in recruitment and health insurance costs."

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Home-grown talent



HOME COMFORTS: Dover have relied on bringing through home-grown talent rather than relying on overseas players

The danger of relying on overseas players

By **PETER BILLS**

THE issue of overseas players used in rugby teams continues to be an area of controversy for Kent clubs.

The subject is assuming a growing importance, even down to levels such as London 3 South East, as some clubs field as many as six or seven foreign players.

Lordswood Rugby Club president and secretary Sam Wellings admits clubs like his are working at a decided disadvantage.

"Some teams we play have six or seven lads from countries like New Zealand, Australia, Samoa and especially South Africa," he said.

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"But the trouble is, it makes life very difficult for those of us who can't compete at that financial level. It is becoming quite a problem and I imagine it will continue because, for some reason, the RFU doesn't regard South Africans as overseas players."

Elsewhere in Kent there is similar concern.

Dover chairman Richard Catt said: "We have certainly noticed a growing number of these guys, from Nigerians to Samoans to South Africans and a few New Zealanders. A lot of people hold great store in recruiting these guys to get instant success but, to me, it doesn't mean they are necessarily better players than we are producing."

"I'm not saying they are no good but, personally, I'm happy that we have brought almost all our players through ourselves. We started a development squad five or six years ago and brought the average age of the 1st XV down from 34 to 23. A lot of these guys also haven't reached their peak yet, so we may have good

times ahead.

"By bringing in three or four overseas players I don't believe you can create the same club unity. You might have a flash of success for a few games but then they move on and where does that leave you? You have disrupted parts of your club by bringing them in."

Bexley Rugby Club, who play in Kent League 2, included a number of South Africans in their side three years ago. Although they helped improve performances on the pitch, there is also a downside to their inclusion.

Secretary Sara Robinson said: "The trouble is, they pull you up and then disappear. However, I would say sometimes these guys bring quite a lot to a club. The South Africans we had were very motivated, very keen and very competitive. It boosted the rest of the boys and taught us quite a bit."

"Socially they were great, too, but when they go they do leave a gaping hole."

At Lordswood, moreover, they are trying to stick to their original creed for the club, set out when it was formed in 1983. "We don't mind one or two foreign players coming in but the original idea was that local people should enjoy the club and become associated with it," added Wellings.

"Obviously it has got more serious and competitive than that over the years. But we still want local lads to come and enjoy it. I would certainly prefer mainly home-grown players because they must be more passionate about the club than a guy coming in from the southern hemisphere for three months and then moving on."



NEW BLOOD: Fleet boss Liam Daish wants loan signings to cope with fixture congestion

Daish looks to freshen squad for play-off push

EBBSFLEET United manager Liam Daish is hoping to bolster his squad with loan signings in a bid to cope with a fixture-packed month.

The club are still fighting on two fronts as they hope to gain promotion to the football league for the first time in the club's history via the play-offs, while a first Wembley appearance via the FA Trophy remains a possibility.

Reaching the two-legged Trophy semi-final has caused a fixture pile-up, with nine games scheduled for March. The Fleet are nine points adrift of the top five, but with two games in hand they are still in contention to make the play-offs.

And Daish believes his side are in need of new faces after playing 43 games so far this season. This week he has been scouring the divisions to attract new recruits to Stonebridge Road.

Daish told KoS: "I will beg, steal and borrow just to try and get some players in, but it is easier said than done. I will continue to try but we do need a boost."

Next week his side face three games in the space of eight days, with encounters against Rushden & Diamonds, Aldershot Town followed by fellow play-off rivals Histon.

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Young Canterbury are reaping rewards

Cathy is not giving up on Olympic dream



With CATHY-GILLIAT SMITH

So here we go again. After a pretty disjointed first half of the season, with players coming and going and a mixture of results, we began the England Slazenger Hockey League with a renewed energy and determination to display what Canterbury Ladies are all about.

A fruitful combination of youth and experience, our performances have shown good passing and tempo which means our title ambitions should not be written off yet.

The quality I admire most about Canterbury Ladies is the competition and determination the younger players coming through have for establishing their places in the first team. To play in the top league week in, week out against top players – who wouldn't want to be working their socks off to show they can compete up there too?

Although the current Great Britain squad aren't playing in the league this season, there are still a number of ex-internationals to deal with. Jane Smith and Tina Cullen continue to show their talent as the leading scorers of the league, despite having retired from the international scene and being in their mid-30s.

Local schoolgirl, Jenna Wiles, has come on leaps and bounds over the last few months and now regularly provides the team with a composed and exciting right half who is often seen up in the attacking third delivering passes in to the circle. Likewise, 18-year-old Sarah Kerly has been working hard and has found excellent finishing touches on a number of occasions this season.

Mid-season transfer Helen Grant has immediately impacted on the team as she

netted twice on her debut at Polo Farm and then once more against Chelmsford. Helen is recovering from a knee-injury that kept her out of last summer's European Cup where England qualified for Beijing. With over 100 caps for England and Great Britain it was the least Helen could do for her new club. Currently a reserve for the GB squad Helen is hoping to get some quality pitch time under her belt.

Speaking of internationals, GB players Mel Clewlow and Hayley Brown have returned from Australia where they unfortunately were whitewashed during the Test series. The tournament was a build-up to Beijing later this year and I am sure they will have gained from the experience.

As a team we have adjusted well to their absence and it has given opportunity to a number of new signings to step up to the mark. Both Kirsty Chapman (signed from Maidstone) and Jo Bryant (Woking) have been great additions to the team both on and off the pitch.

With Mel away and not long until the end of the season, the coaching role has fallen to Jen Wilson, one of South Africa's international stars who is also aiming to feature highly in this summer's Olympics. A truly charismatic player, Jen leads by example and her determination on the field never fails to inspire the team.

Young internationals Susannah Townsend, Tash Brennan and Nat Seymour also continue to provide the team with solid performances.

Grace Baldson, who is only 15-years-old and recently represented England U16 Girls against Ireland, is still too young to compete in the National League. We are counting the days until Grace is old enough to join us on a Saturday.

And what about me right now? Well, obviously I am still disappointed to go to Australia with Mel and Hayley, but it has made me realise how lucky I am to be at Canterbury where I can still train with quality players and really enjoy playing.

I am still working very hard on all aspects of training as, being a reserve, you could get called back in at any time and you need to be ready if the opportunity comes along.

I was looking back at some photos from the Commonwealth Games two years ago and with the memories I have of that experience, I would do anything to be part of the team that goes to Beijing.



Picture: ADY KERRY

YOUNG GUNS: Canterbury's Cathy Gilliat-Smith (above) has been impressed with the squad's younger players, who have stepped up in the absence of the team's international players this season

Until final squad selection in mid-June, anything can happen so I am just making sure I am fully prepared and ready should I get a chance. Selection is inevitably partly subjective and a lot of different areas are taken into consideration. It's not as easy as simply having the quickest time for something and therefore getting picked.

But for the moment I am delighted to be part of a fantastic team who, now we've started to settle down somewhat, are beginning to look like a real force for the future...



Picture: KEITH SLATER

LEADER: Maher's signing marks another experienced addition to the Gills squad, after Danny Cullip (above) signed a fortnight ago

Stimson adds 'leader' Maher to ease drop fears

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson added former Southend United captain Kevin Maher to his squad on Friday as he looks to experience to get his side out of relegation trouble.

The 31-year-old skippered the Shrimpers to back-to-back promotions before suffering relegation from the Championship last season.

He joins on a loan deal until the end of the season, but could be rewarded with a permanent deal if he impresses.

Maher began his career as an apprentice at Tottenham, but after failing to win a place in the first team he moved to Roots Hall in 1998. He played alongside Stimson to begin with and went on to make more than 400 appearances for the Essex club.

Despite possessing a wealth of midfielders in his squad, Stimson was clear why he wanted Maher.

He said: "I think when someone of his experience becomes available you don't want to miss out because [midfield] is a key area. If you have someone in there with a steady head, who shows composure and knows how to win games it is vastly important."

The transfer follows Stimson's capture of Danny Cullip, also 31, on a similar deal and the Gills boss admitted he felt he needed to add more leadership to the squad.

He said: "We have a goalkeeper [Simon Royce] who is experienced but he is not out there on the field and you do sometimes need a few leaders or a few older heads to lead us on the pitch and those two are perfect examples of that."

His last appearance was on New Year's Day.

Addicks chief exec to leave club after 10 yrs

CHARLTON Athletic chief executive Peter Varney will step down this summer after more than a decade at the helm.

Varney has overseen day-to-day running of the Addicks since October 1997, but is leaving the club due to personal reasons.

The news came just days before a meeting of Charlton plc shareholders that will see former Kent businessman Derek Chappell step up to become plc chairman, while current incumbent Richard Murray moves across to become chairman of the football club.

Murray paid tribute to Varney, saying: "He is without doubt the most impressive individual I have worked with throughout my business career."

"The development of The Valley, the significant new levels of investment he has attracted to the club, and the introduction of the Charlton Community Trust are the most impressive of his many achievements."

Charlton have already begun looking for a replacement, although Varney will remain in his post until the end of June.

Rower in oar of Cambridge call-up



SELECTED: Henry Pelly (above) is one of two rowers from Kent to make the Cambridge Boat Race team

TWO rowers from Kent have the chance to compete in one of the world's oldest annual sporting events after being selected to represent Cambridge in the 2008 Boat Race.

The prestigious race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities began in 1829 and has been contested every year outside the World Wars since 1856.

Bromley-born Henry Pelly and Ashford's Tom Ransley were called up to the Cambridge squad last week and will tackle the famous four-mile course down the River Thames.

Pelly was thrilled to make the eight-man rowing crew for his first Boat Race, but believes the experience he has gained in competing in international regattas will help him cope with nerves.

He told KoS: "I am happy to be selected, to compete in the boat race has

always been one of my main goals and to achieve this is fantastic."

"I have rowed at a high level before with the under-23 Great Britain squad, but never in front of such a big audience. I am not too scared by that, in fact I am more excited."

Hundreds of thousands of spectators line the famous course between Putney Bridge and Mortlake on March 29, with millions watching on television.

The 24-year-old only began in the sport in his last year of secondary school and spent his gap year rowing for Dover Rowing Club. He was also a pupil at the same Eton College as four-time Olympic champion Matthew Pinsent.

Ransley, 22, rowed for Britain in last year's European Championships and has competed at the famous Henley regatta for the last five years.

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By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

THE venues selected across the county as potential training camps ahead of the London Olympics could feel the benefits for years, according to a regional 2012 chief.

The London Organising Committee (LOCOG) has unveiled a list of 630 sites across the UK which will go into a guide distributed to all other Olympic associations this summer. The 201 national bodies will use the document to decide where their athletes prepare before the Games.

Kent performed exceptionally well, with 36 facilities included in the guide, outperforming both Scotland (28 sites) and Wales (31). And rather than just being used for a brief period before the Olympics, those venues used by national teams could become internationally renowned centres used year-in-year-out.

Padraig Herlihy, South East co-ordinator for the 2012 Games, believes the potential for raising the profile of Kent's sport facilities is huge.

He told KoS: "Some teams will want to visit in the years before the Olympics to acclimatise to the weather and the culture so they are comfortable for 2012."

"We have also got the prospect of being used as training camps after the Olympics. In 2014 Glasgow has the Commonwealth Games. Scottish sites are being used for the London Olympics, so who is to say teams would not use sites in the South to prepare beforehand?"

Benefits

"Lanzarote has built an industry by being a warm-weather training site for athletes, so sites in Kent could be used at other times of the year."

One club which already has an international reputation is the Jumpers Rebound Trampoline Centre in Gillingham. Top-class athletes from around the world regularly train at the facilities and the centre is one of the few venues in the guide certain to be used before London 2012.

National teams wanting to use the facilities will pay a fee to use the venue, but club chairman Martin Laws believes the long-term benefits far outweigh any financial gain.

He said: "It is about the coaches working together and having foreign visitors which leaves a longer legacy than any money we receive."

"It is having the younger performers see how techniques vary across the world and



ON YOUR MARKS: Sporting venues across Kent will be able to raise their profile after being included on a shortlist for pre-Olympic training camps

watching the cutting edge of world class training."

Kent as a whole is certain to benefit economically from hosting the training camps.

In a ground-breaking measure, LOCOG will award every country using the UK to prepare for the games £25,000 to spend on training camps. This will double if Paralympic teams also come to train.

If all Kent's facilities included in the guide were used by both Olympic and Paralympic teams, the grants would mean a minimum overall investment of £1.8million. The money would be spent on anything from hiring sport facilities to accommodation and transport.

The countries most likely to come to the area are expected to be those with medium-sized teams. However, Herlihy believes Kent County Council's pioneering consortia approach to target teams with specific needs will prove successful.

He said: "They spotted a trend where countries might have quite an eclectic mix of sports. The smaller countries might only need athletics, boxing and judo. I think it does make them more likely to get teams booking the facilities."

Herlihy also believes having teams staying in the area will provide a unique chance to build lasting bonds between the host towns and visiting countries.

He said: "It is not just about sport, there are cultural and business opportunities."

"If Canterbury get Venezuela they could establish links between each other. They could build school and community links and I would hope if there wasn't a British athlete in a final then local people would cheer on the Venezuelan."

Although 36 venues in the county were accepted, 12 did not make it past the application process.

Maidstone Hockey Club were among the excluded, but chairman Roger Daniels believes just being in contention will help raise its profile.

He said: "We were delighted to get the recognition to get through the first stage. It

is very nice to be able to say to backers we were good enough to make a bid and be considered."

"Hosting a training camp would have been a bonus but we are hoping there will be a real fervour around London 2012 and we want to be riding that wave of interest."

FACT BOX

Kent's successful venues

ASHFORD: Chilham Park, Great Chart Golf Course, Julie Rose Stadium, Stour Centre

CANTERBURY: Christ Church University, Canterbury Rhythmic Gymnastics Club, Polo Farm Hockey Club, St Lawrence Cricket Club, Canterbury High School, University of Kent

DARTFORD: Arrow Riding Centre, Dartford Judo Centre, Princes Park Stadium

DOVER: Deal Gymnastics Centre, Fowlmead Country Park

GRAVESHAM: Meapa Gymnastics Club, Mursted Court Equestrian Centre

MAIDSTONE: Maidstone Leisure Centre, Pegasus Gymnastics Centre, Sutton Valence School

MEDWAY: Gillingham FC, Howard Table Tennis Centre, Jumpers Rebound Centre, Castlemaine Badminton Centre, Medway Park

SEVENOAKS: Brands Hatch, Penshurst Off Road Circuit, Sevenoaks School

THANET: Margate Beach, Marlowe Academy

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